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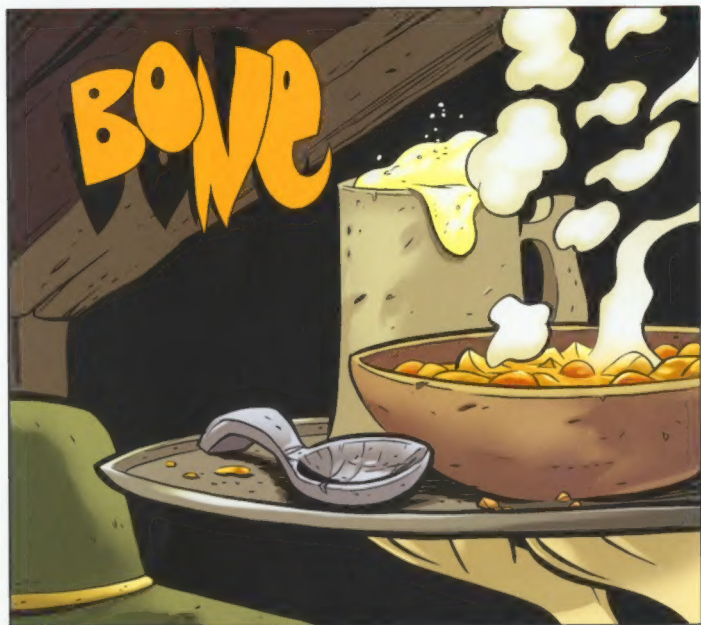
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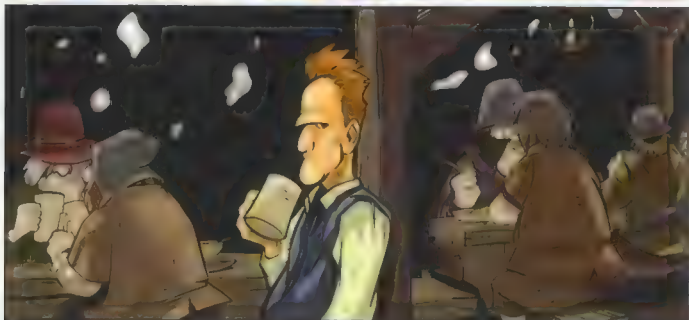
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MAN! WE'VE BEEN CLIMBING FOR DAYS, THORN! CAN'T WE GO PART OF THE WAY TO BARRELHAVEN ON LEVEL GROUND?

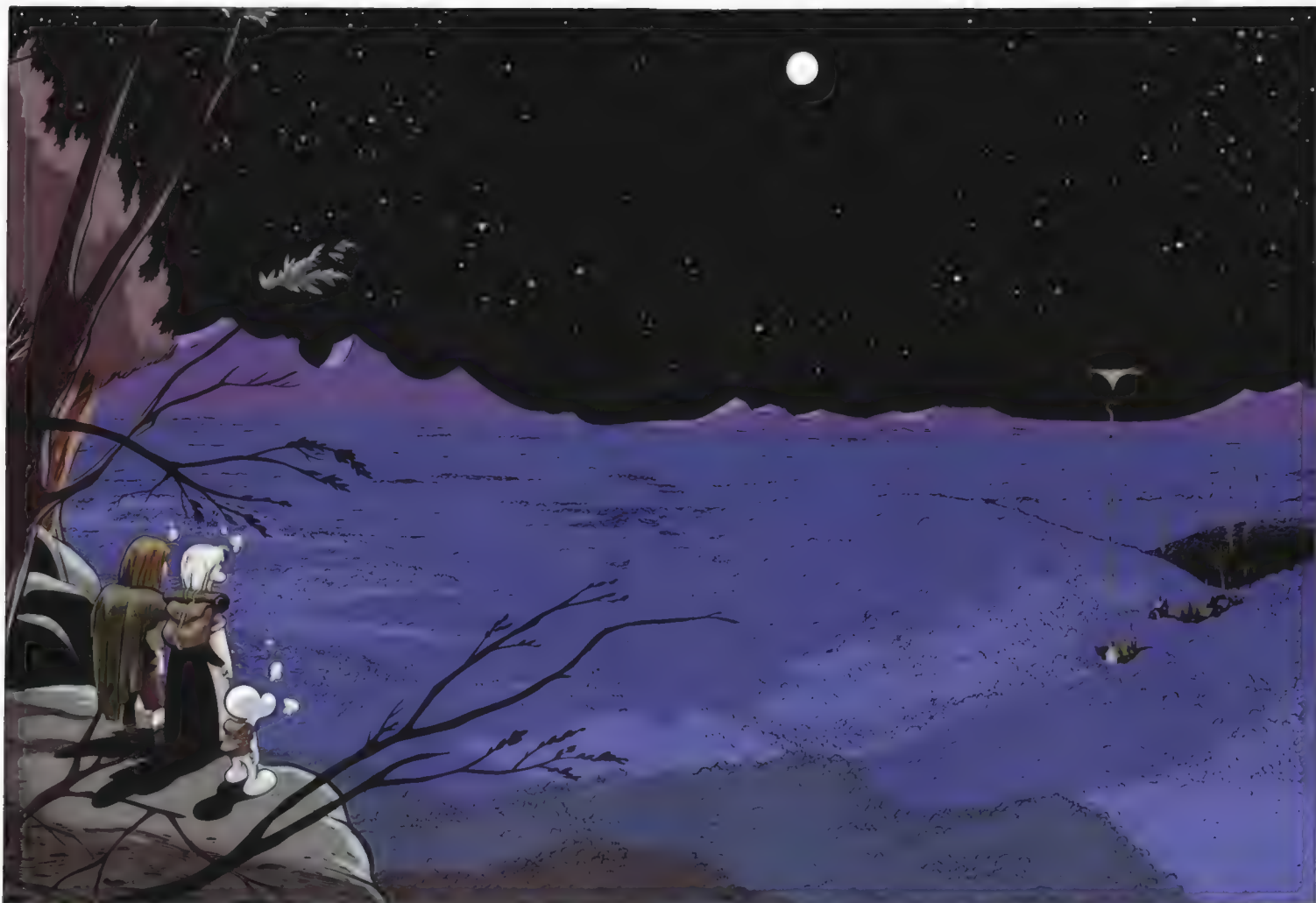
WE HAVE TO STAY OFF THE ROAD! WE CAN'T TAKE ANY CHANCES ON BEING SEEN.

I KNOW WE CAN'T WALK OUT IN TH' OPEN, BUT WHAT ARE WE DOIN' UP HERE?

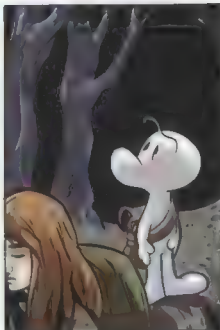
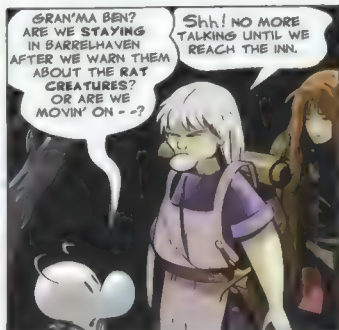
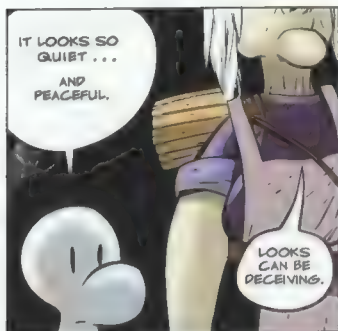
GRAN'MA WANTS TO HAVE A LOOK AROUND.

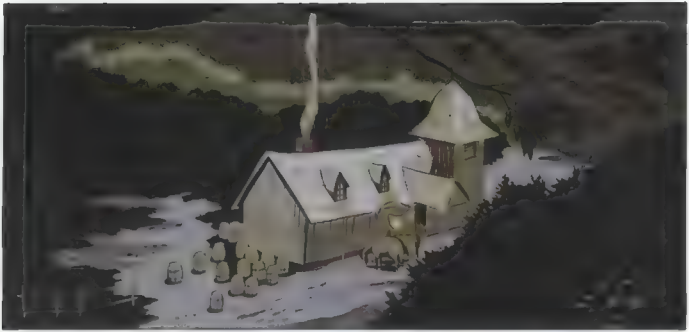
JUST A LITTLE FARTHER, BONE. ON A CLEAR NIGHT LIKE THIS, WE SHOULD BE ABLE TO SEE THE WHOLE VALLEY.

WOW. IS THAT BARRELHAVEN? IT'S SO BEAUTIFUL!

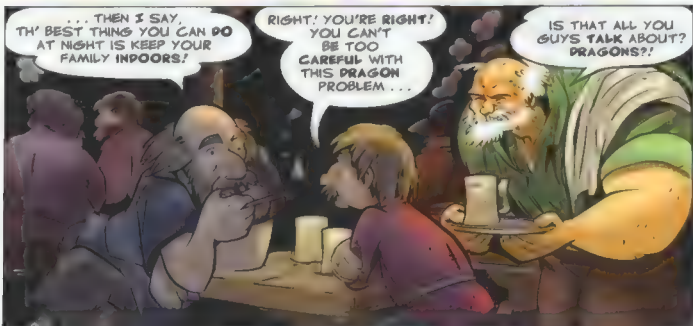


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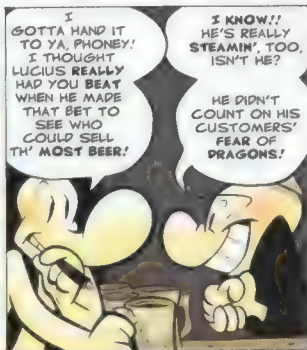


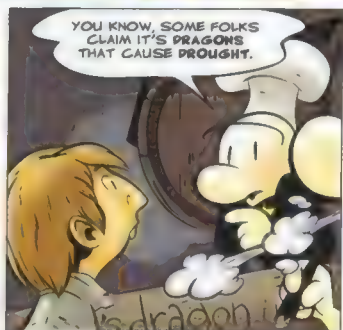
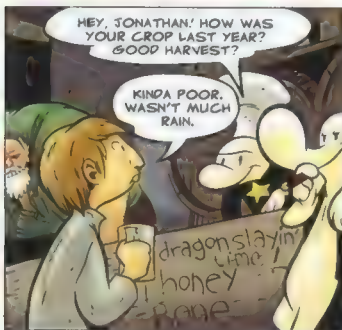
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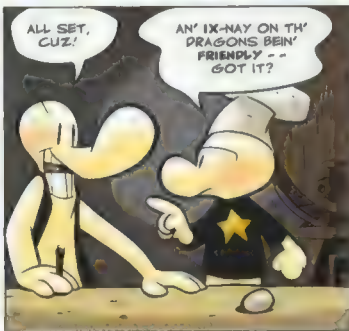


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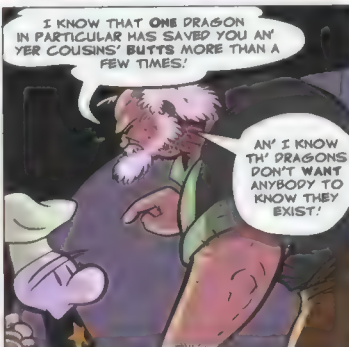
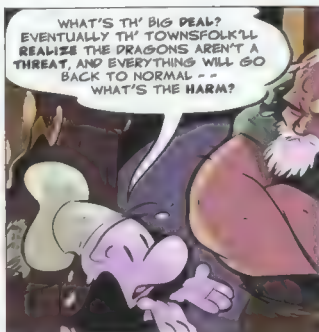


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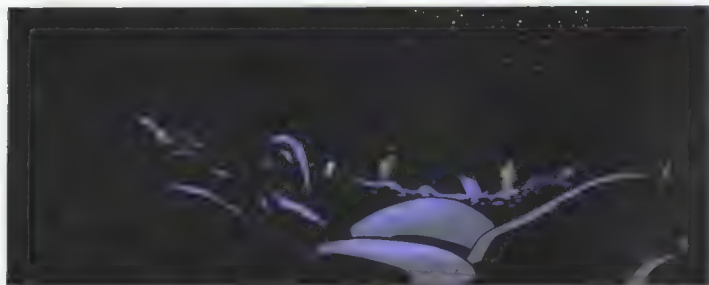


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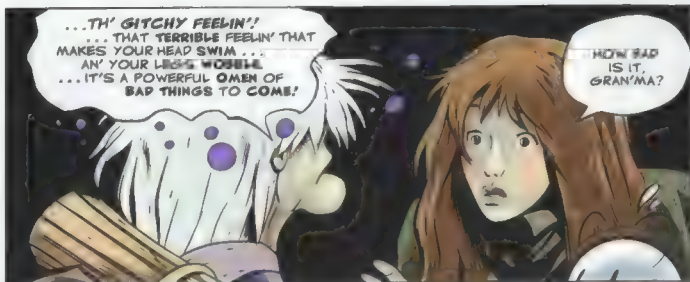


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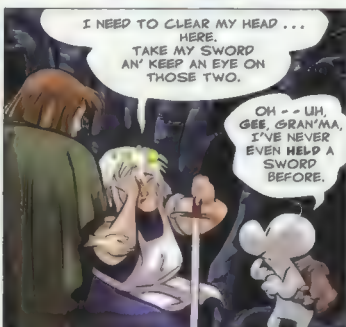
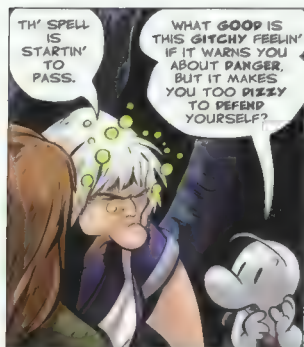


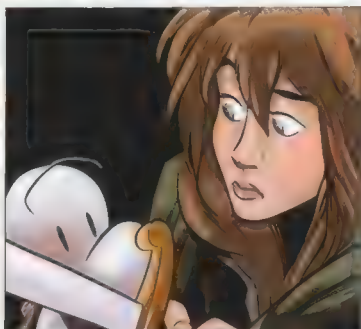
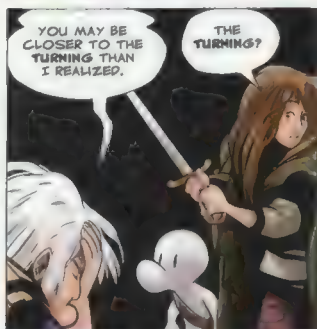
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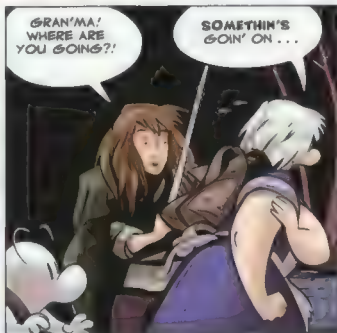


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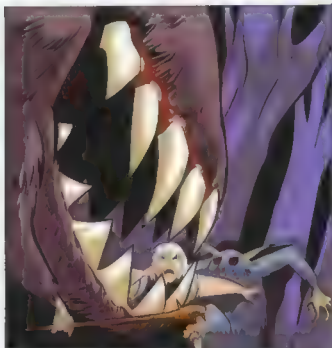


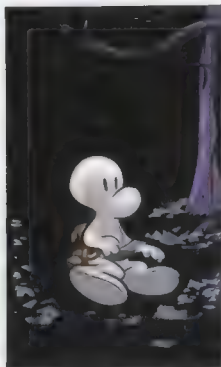
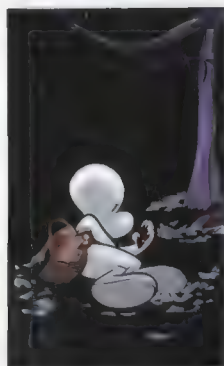
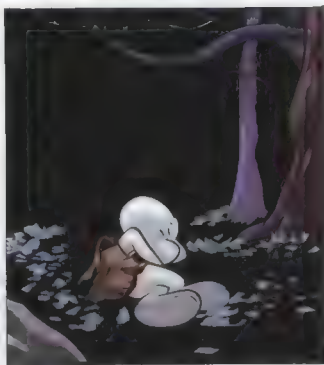
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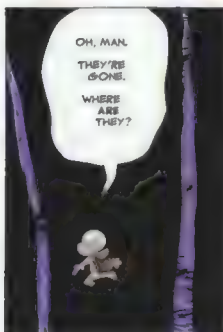


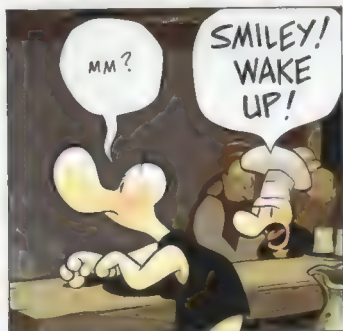
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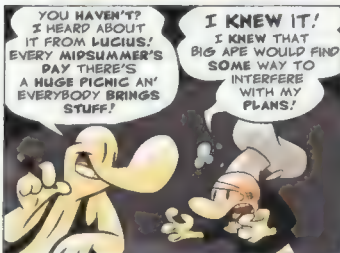
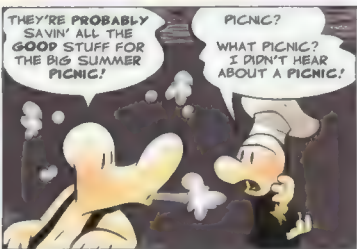
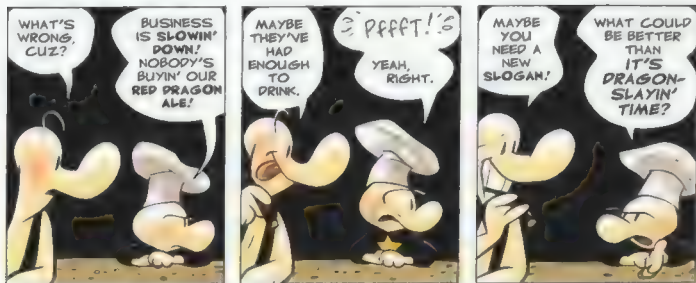


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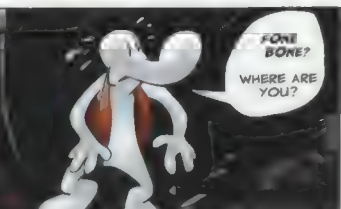
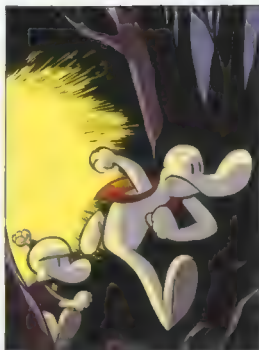


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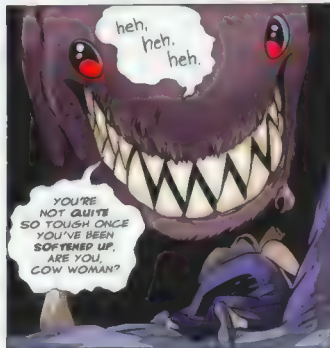
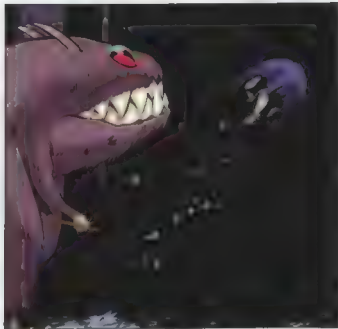
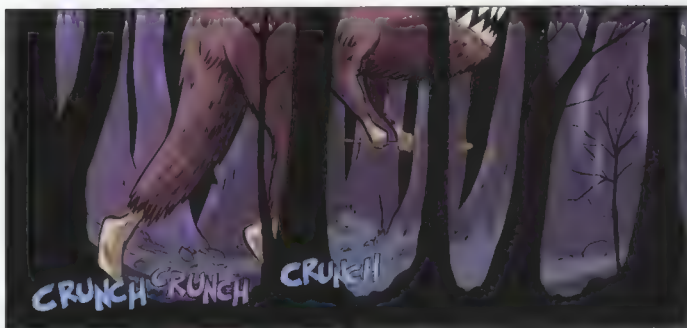


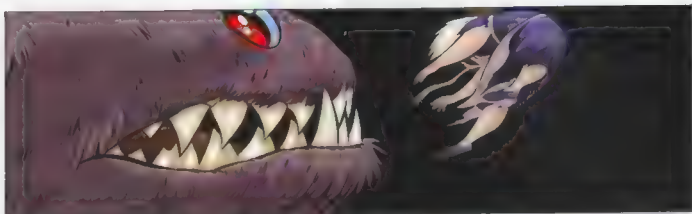
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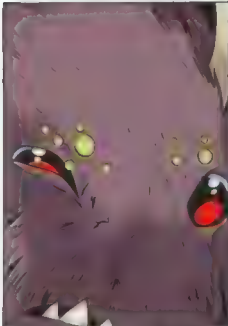
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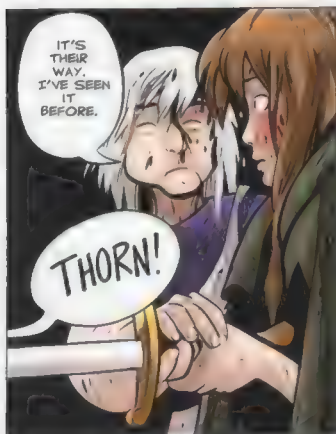
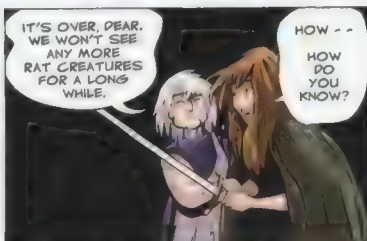


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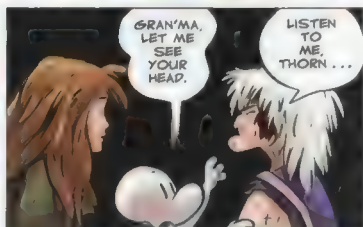
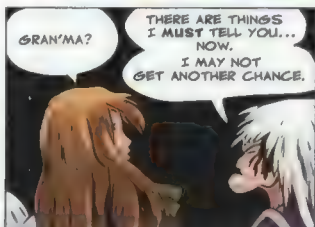
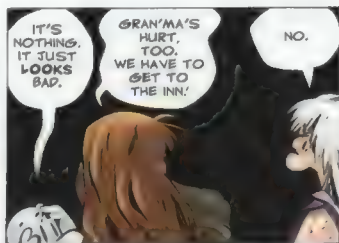
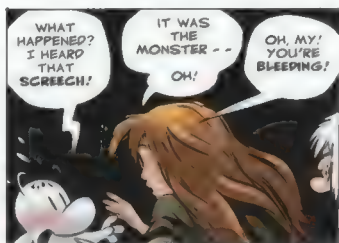






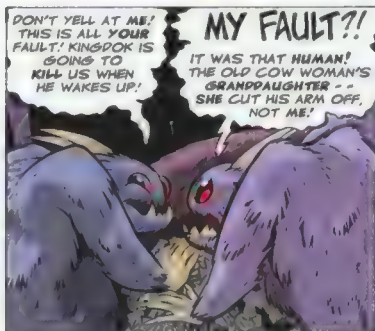
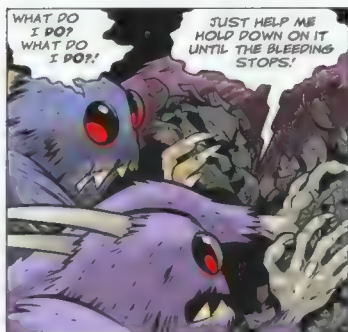


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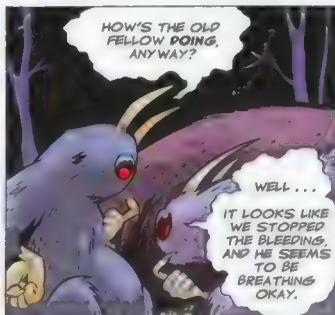
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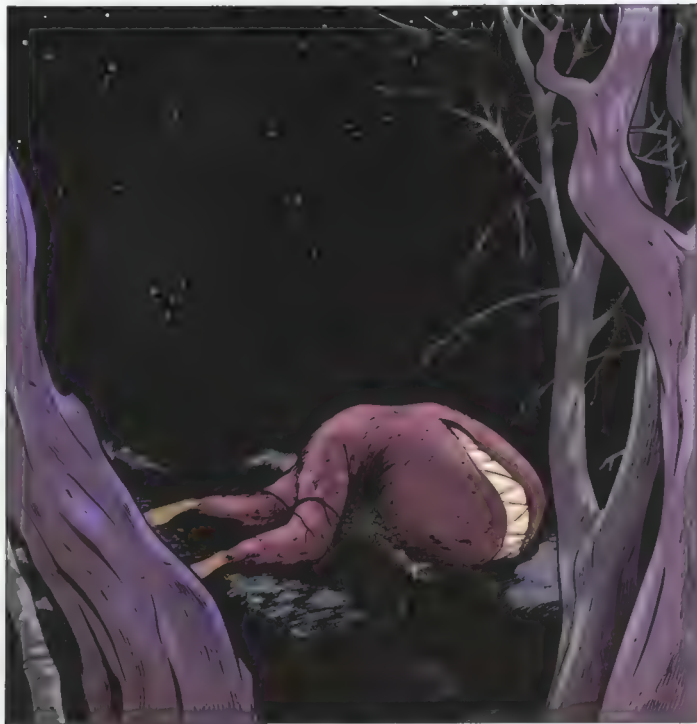
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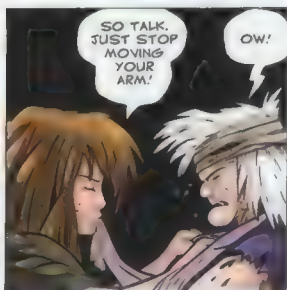
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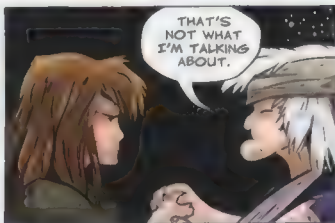
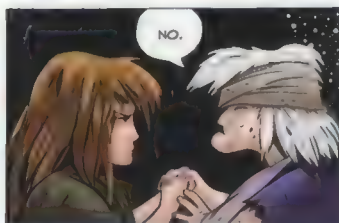
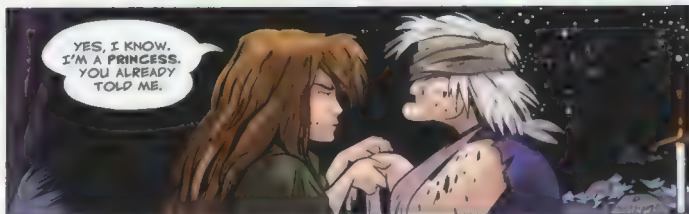
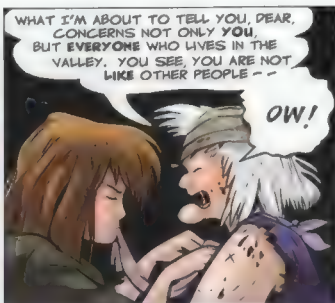
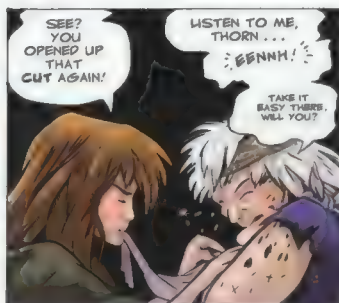
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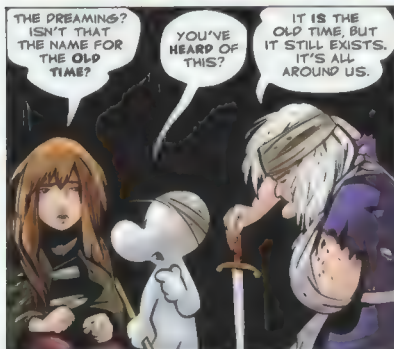
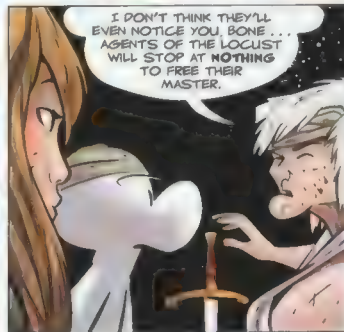
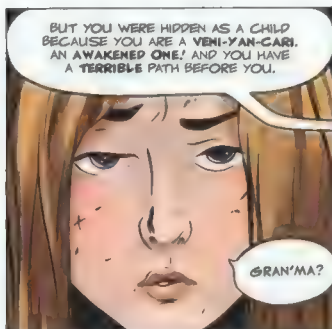
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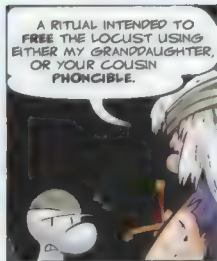
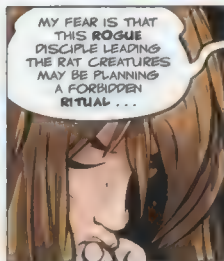
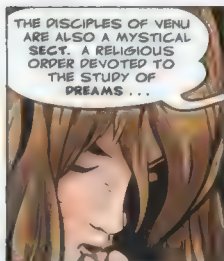
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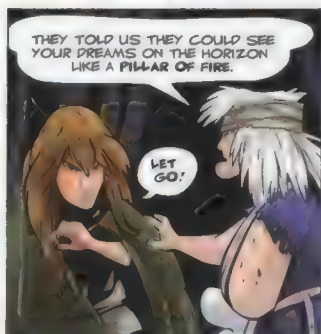
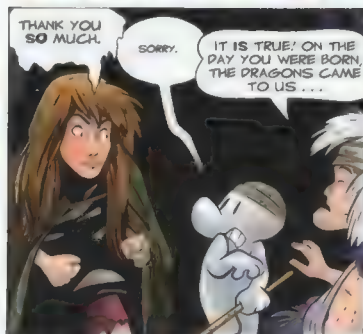
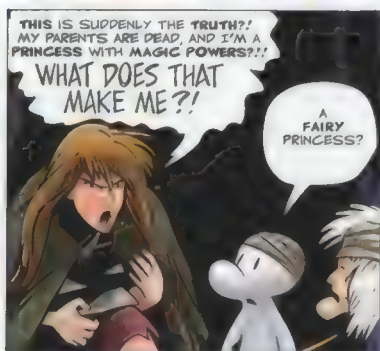
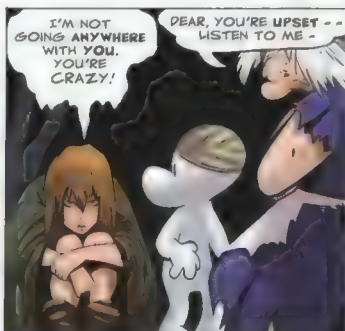
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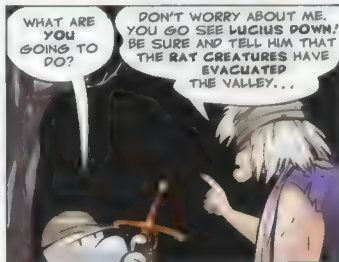
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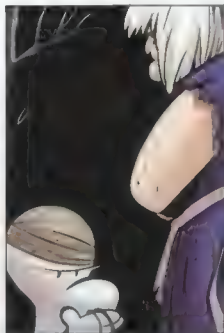
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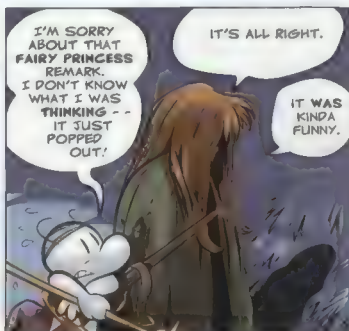
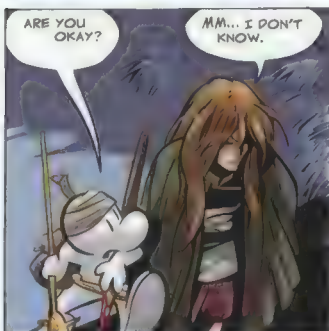
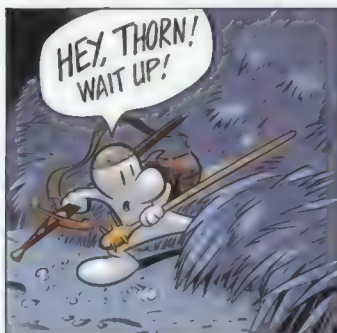
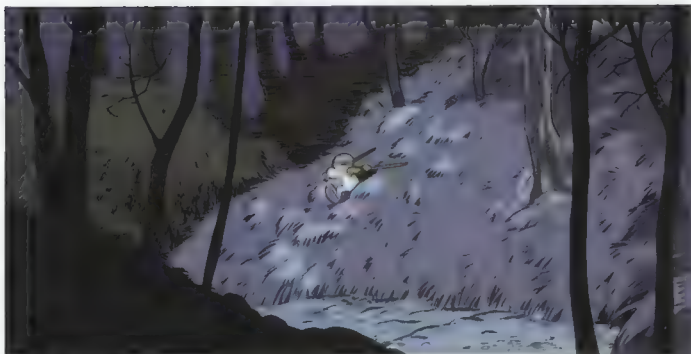
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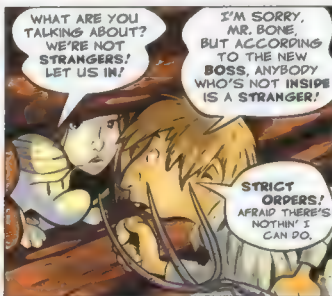
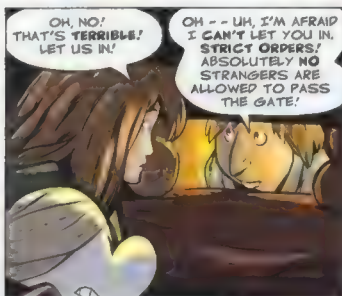
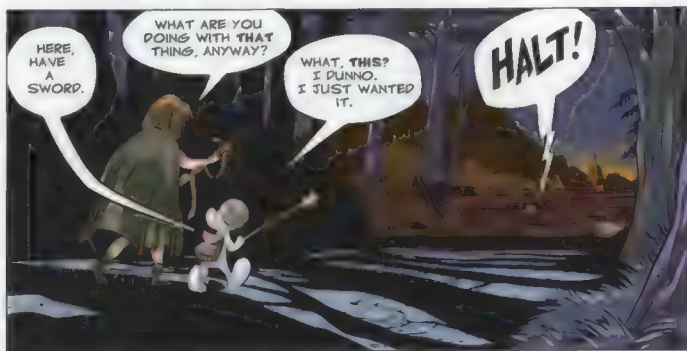
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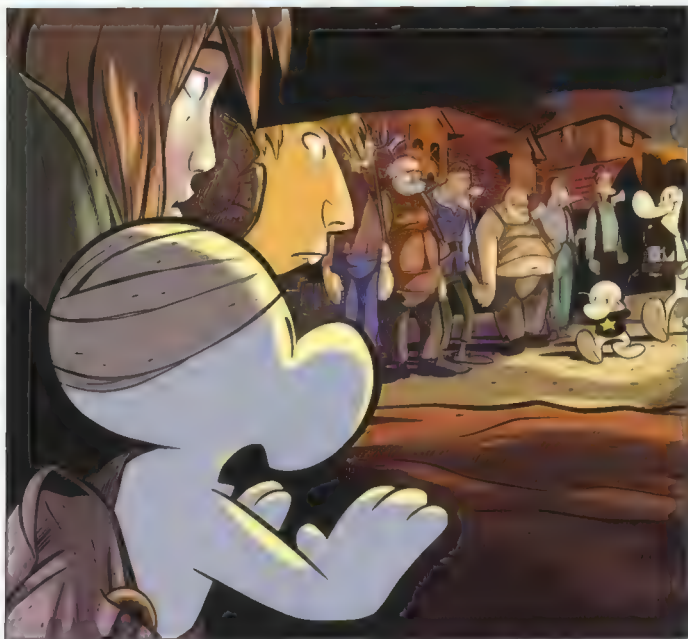
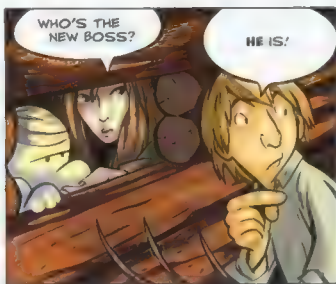
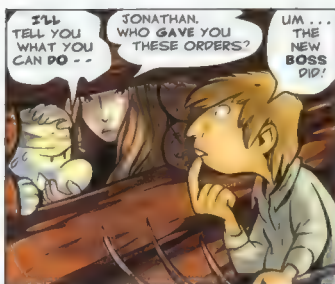
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COME.

YOU
WISH TO
APPEAR
BEFORE
US?

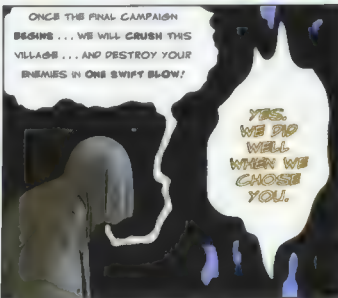
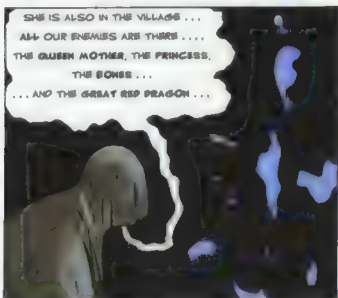
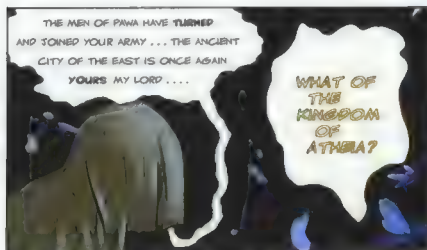
YES,
MASTER.

I
BRING YOU
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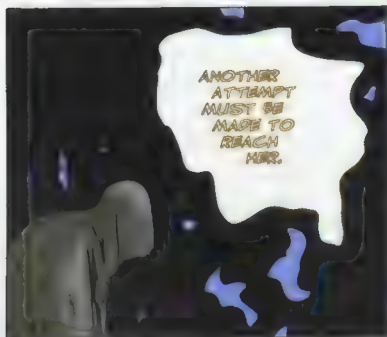
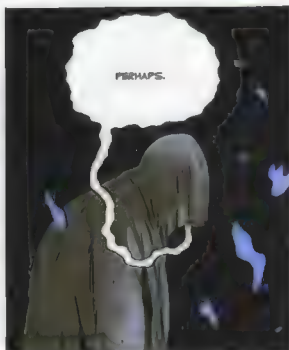
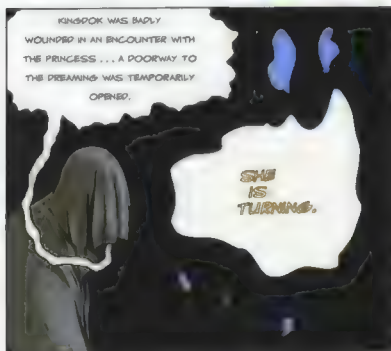
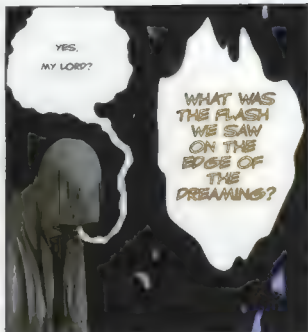
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US?

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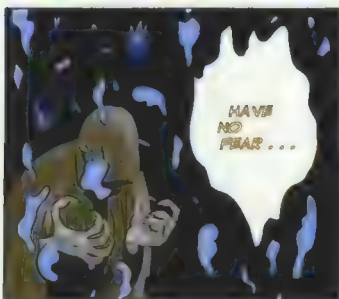
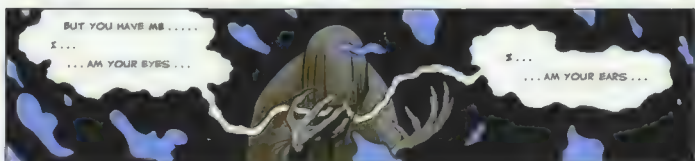
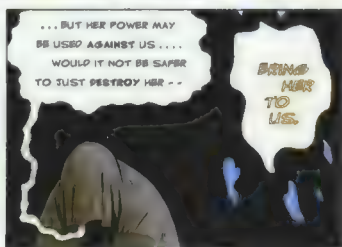
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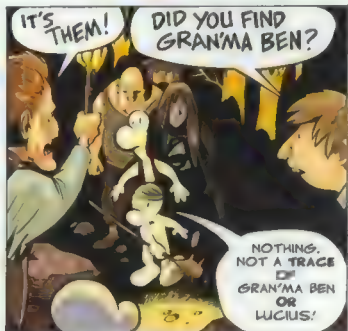
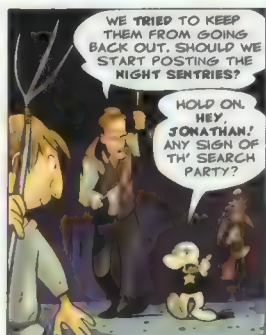
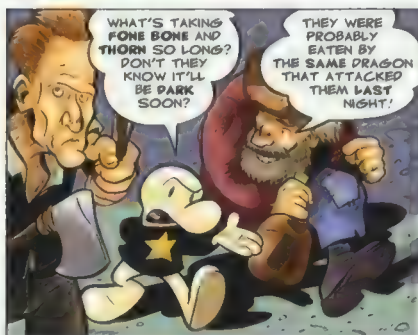
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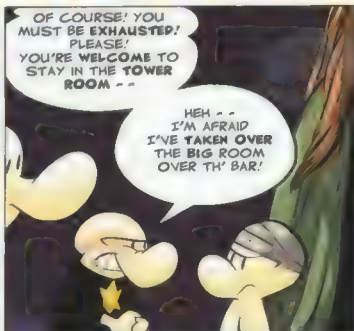
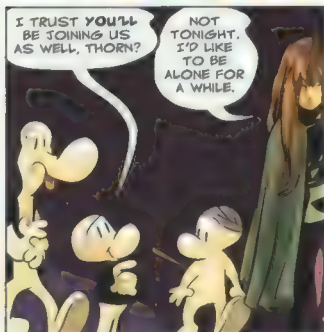
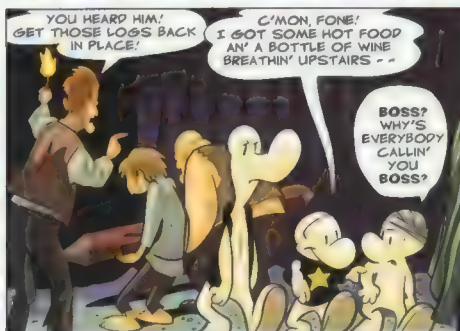
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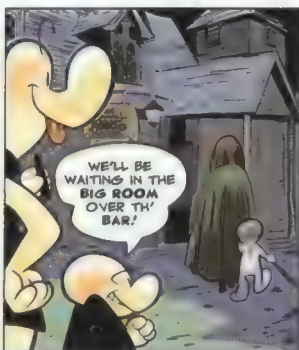
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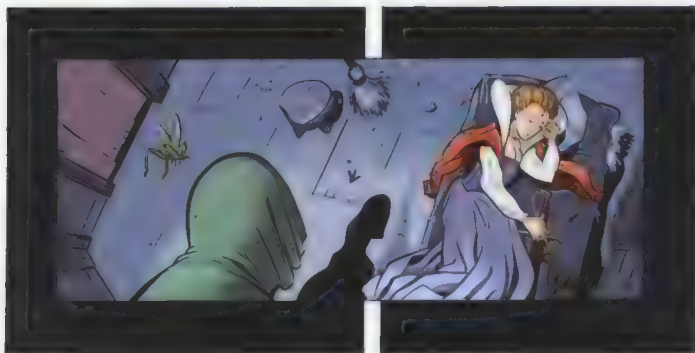
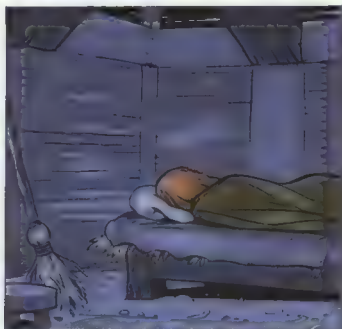
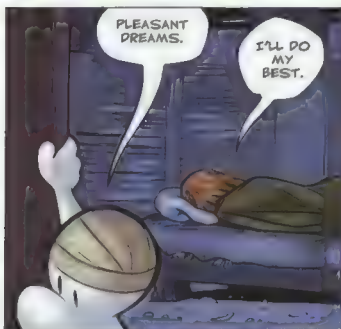
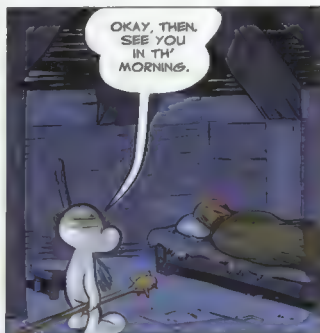
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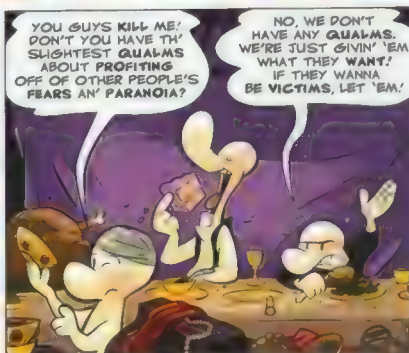
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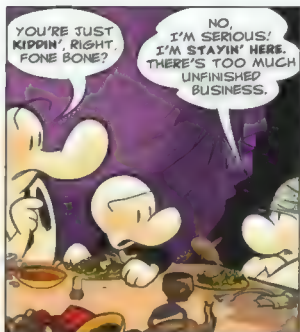
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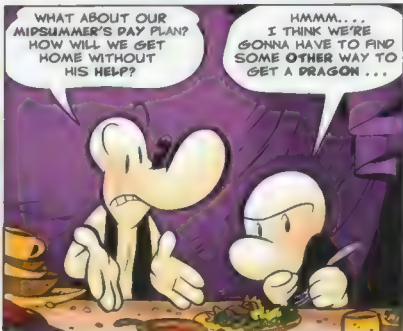
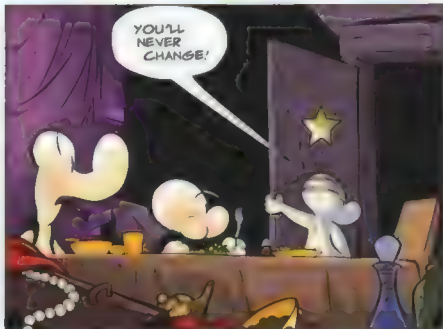
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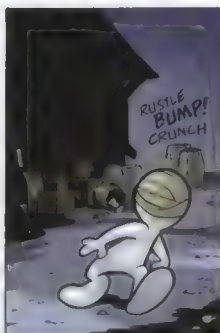
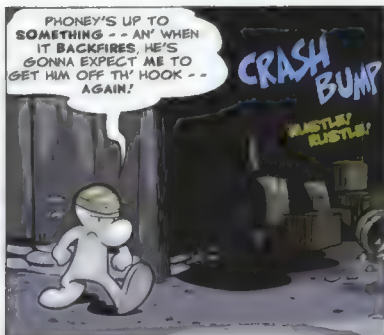
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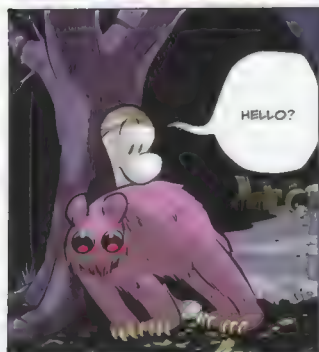
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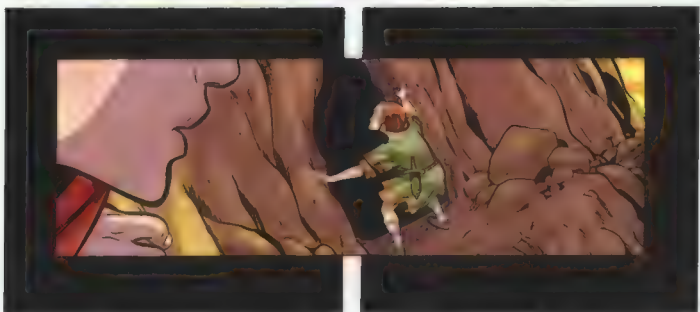
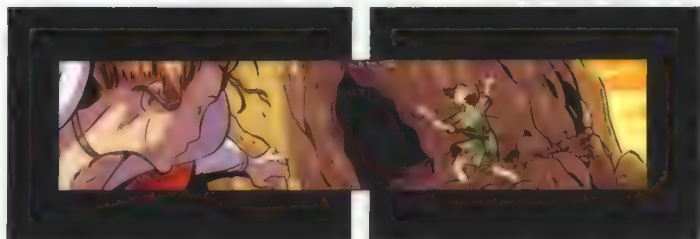
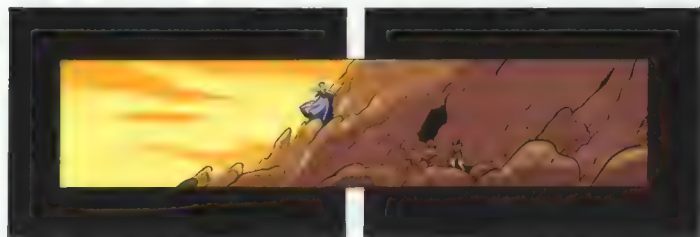
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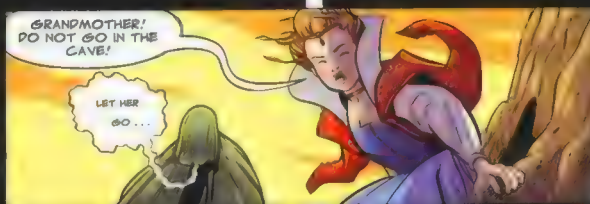
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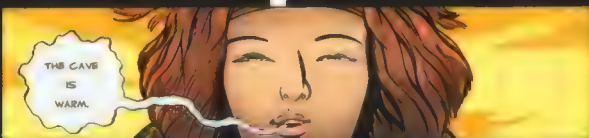


GRANDMOTHER!



YOU ARE
COLD.

YES.

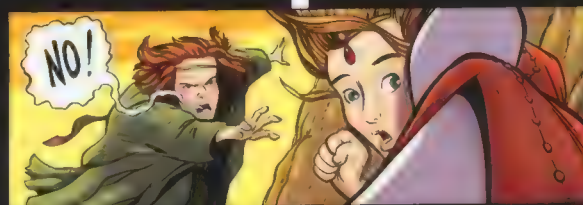
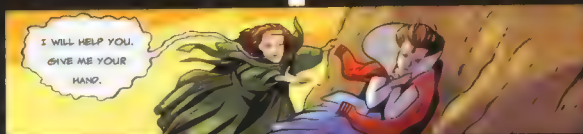


THE CAVE
IS
WARM.



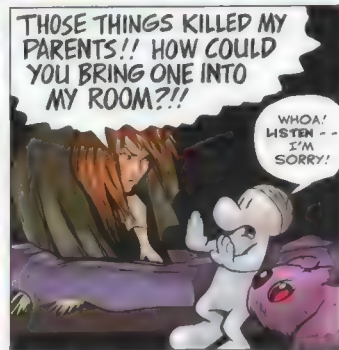
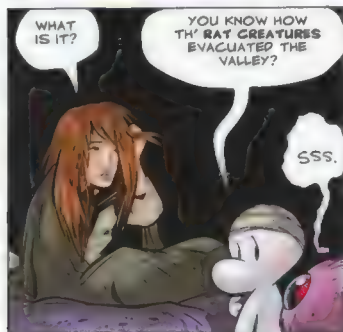
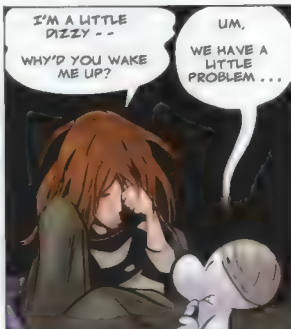
YOU MUST
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NOW.

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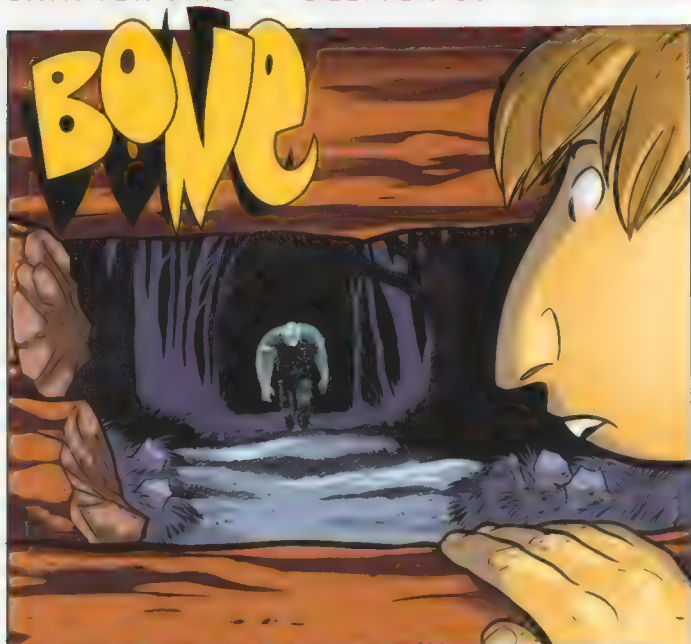




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BAM! BAM! BAM!

WHAT?
WHAT IS
IT?

SORRY TO WAKE YOU, SIR,
BUT IT'S LUCIUS! HE'S BACK AND
HE'S APPROACHING TH' GATE!

HOLY--!

OKAY... LET HIM IN!
AND GIVE HIM ANYTHING
HE WANTS! I'LL BE
RIGHT OUT!

GOT
IT!

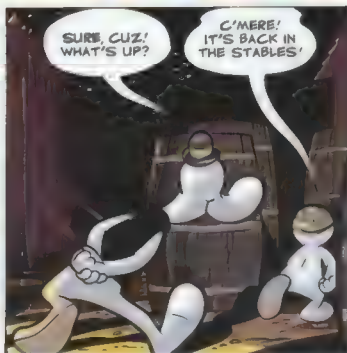
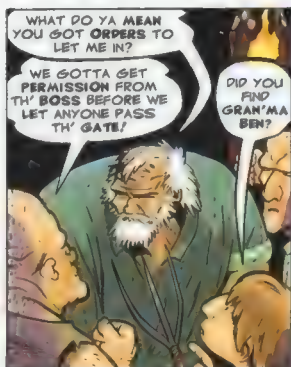
SMILEY! GET DRESSED
AN' GO ROUND UP TH'
MILITIA!

AYE,
AYE,
CAP'N!

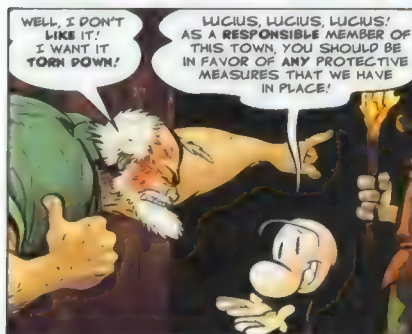
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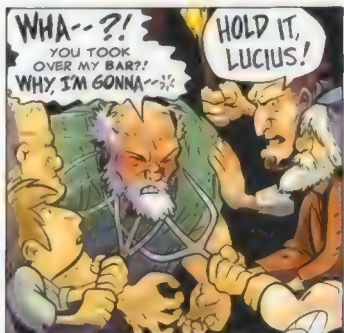


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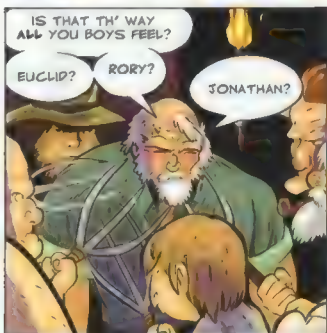


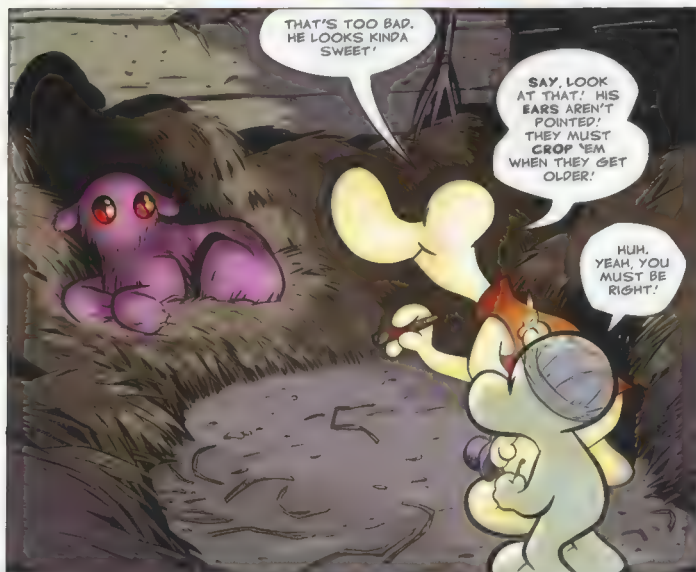
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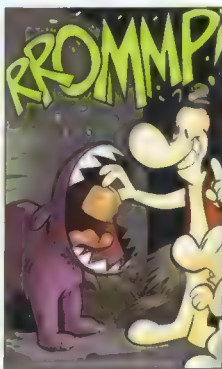
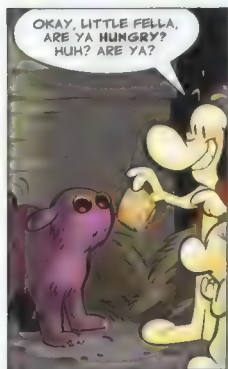


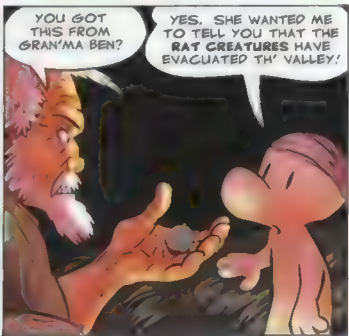
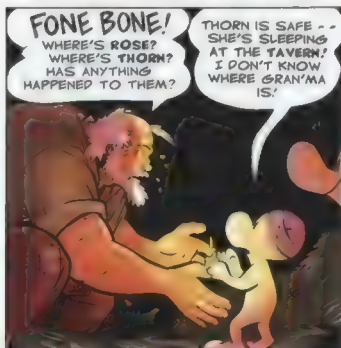
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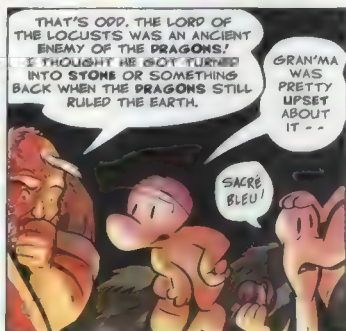
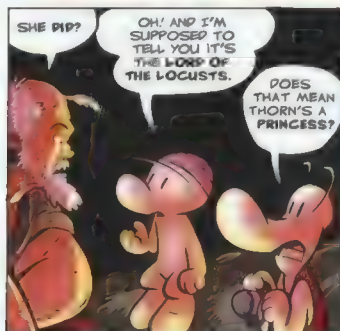
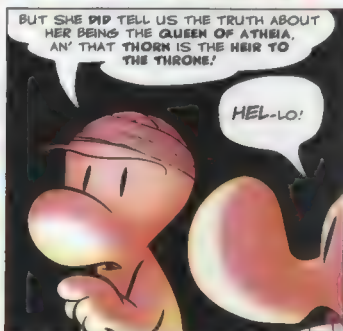
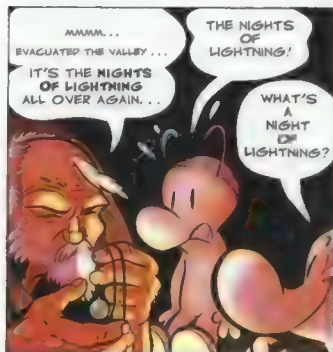


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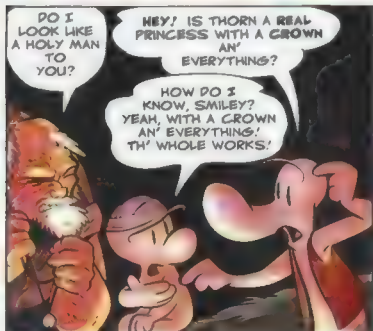
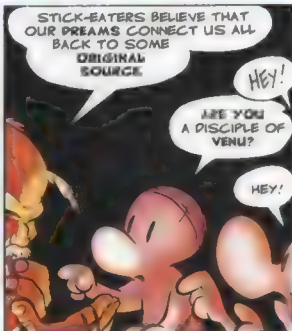
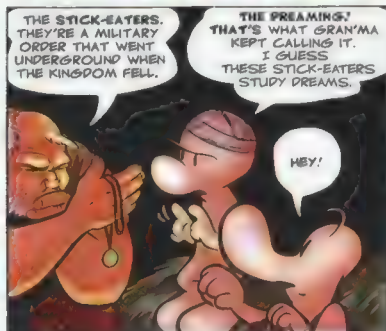
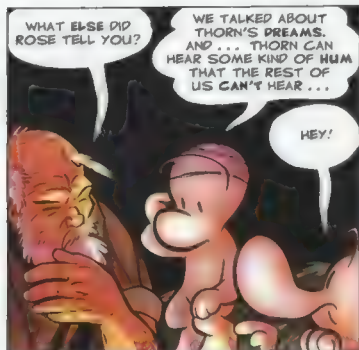




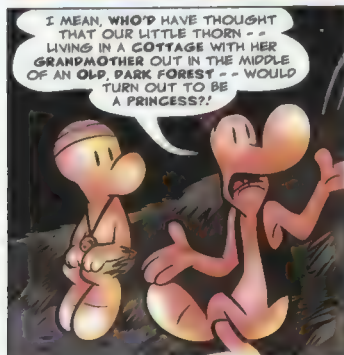
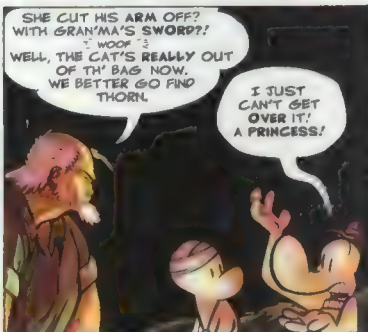
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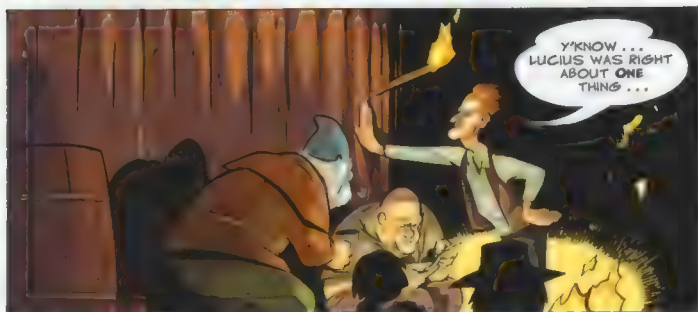
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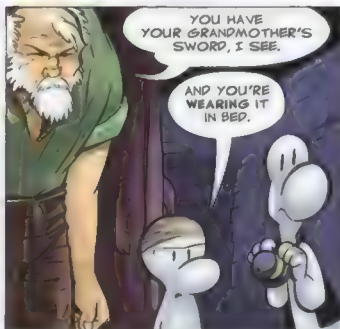
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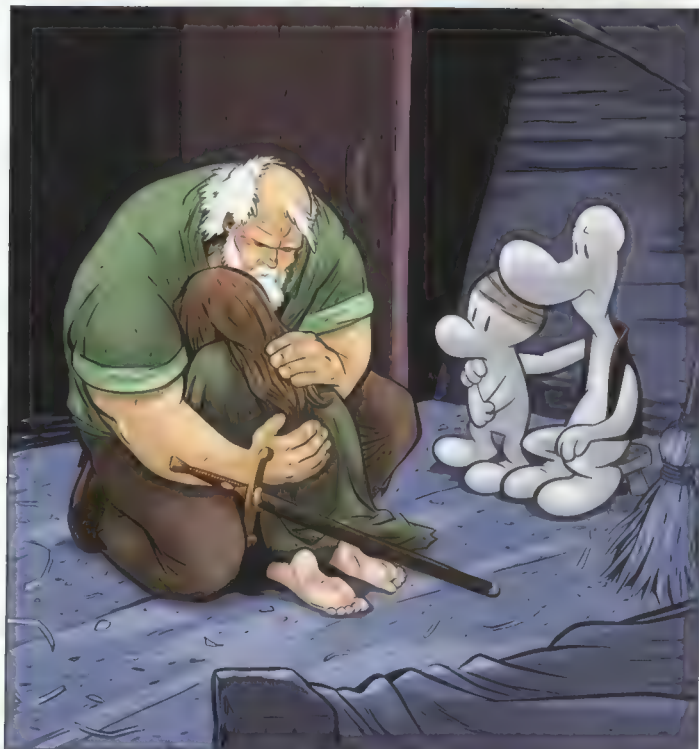
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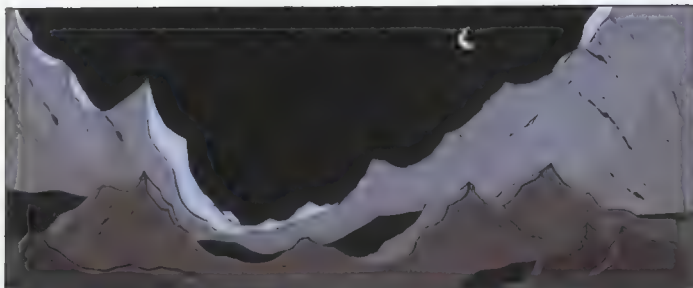


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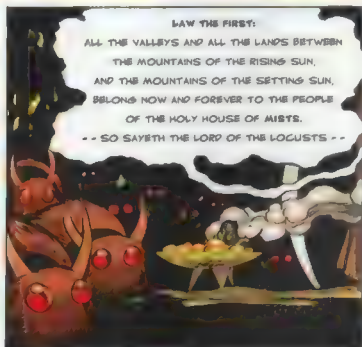
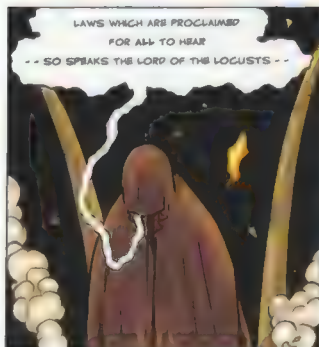


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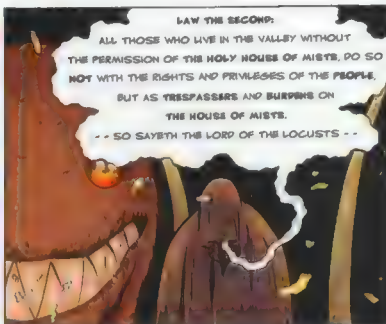
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DELIVER US THESE LAWS



SO
SAYETH
THE LORD OF
THE LOCUSTS!



LAW THE SECOND:

ALL THOSE WHO LIVE IN THE VALLEY WITHOUT
THE PERMISSION OF THE HOLY HOUSES OF MISTE, DO SO
NOT WITH THE RIGHTS AND PRIVILEGES OF THE PEOPLE,
BUT AS TRESPASSERS AND BURDENS ON
THE HOUSE OF MISTE.

-- SO SAYETH THE LORD OF THE LOCUSTS --



SO SAYETH
THE LORD
OF
THE LOCUSTS!

SO
SAYETH
THE LORD
OF
THE LOCUSTS!

FOR THE LORD OF OUR DREAMS AND THE KING
OF ALL MISTS SPEAKS THROUGH ME UNTO YOU ...
AND DELIVERS US THESE LAWS ...

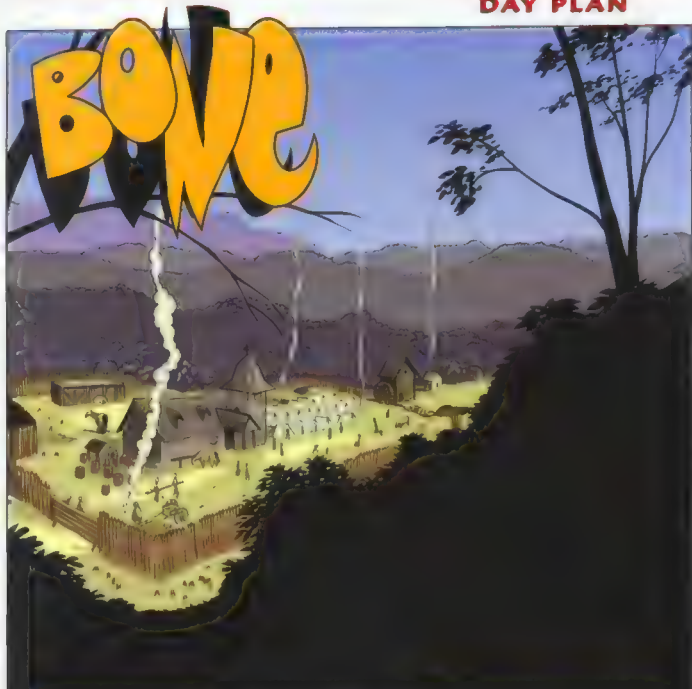
SO
SAYETH THE
LORD OF THE
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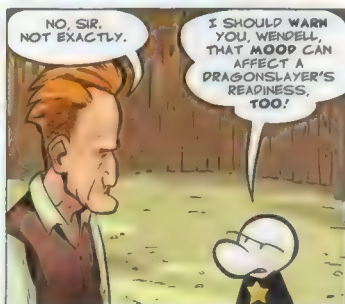
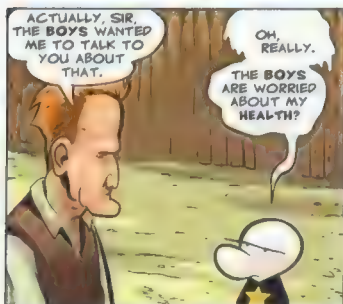
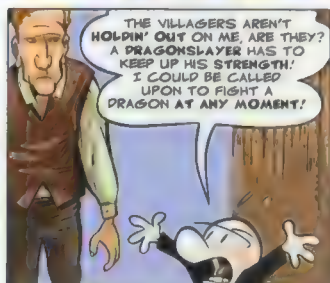
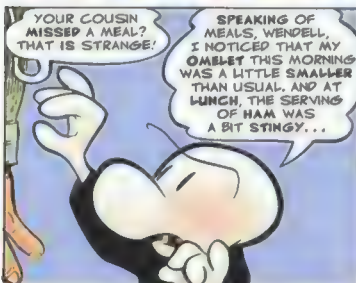
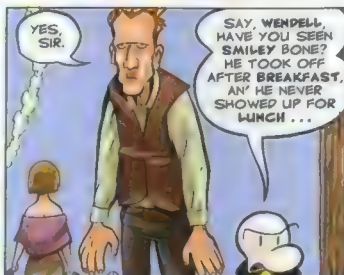
FOR FAR TOO LONG THE FLAT-LANDERS HAVE
BEEN ALLOWED TO RETAIN THEIR CORRUPT CONTROL
ON ALL THAT BELONGS TO US
BY DIVINE RIGHT!

FROM
THIS PAY
FORTH --

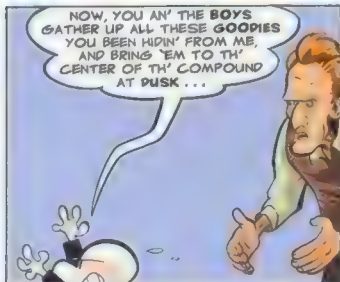
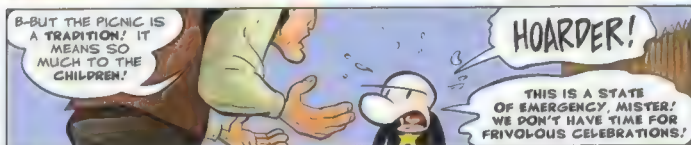
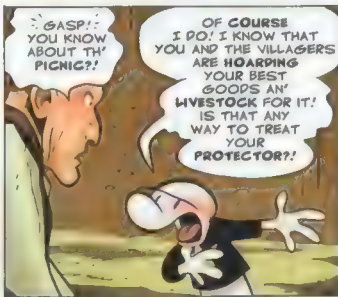
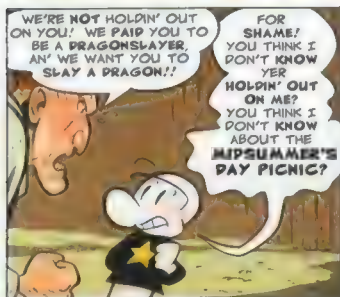
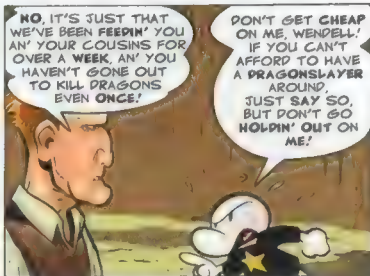




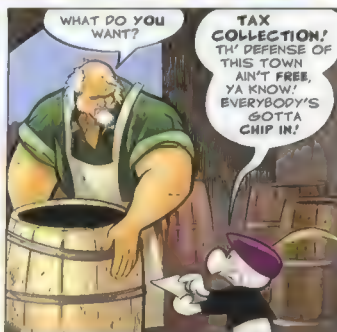
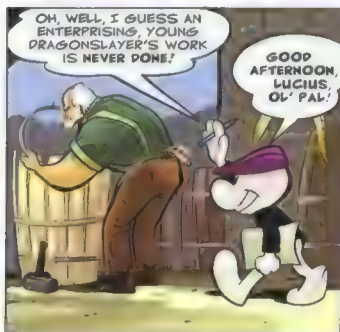
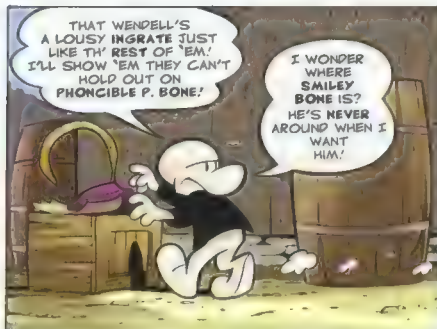
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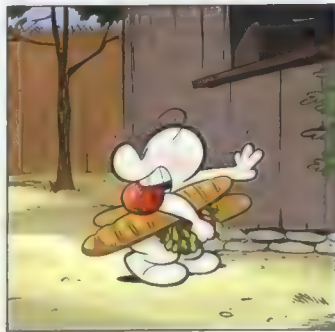
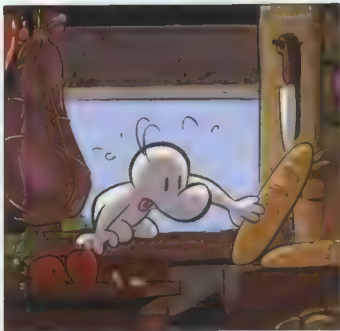
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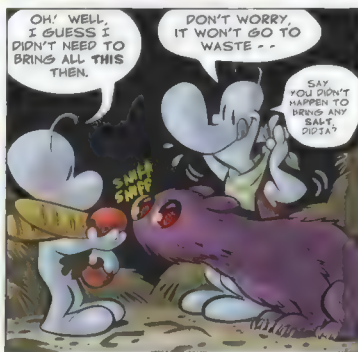
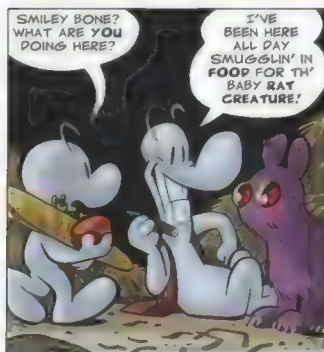
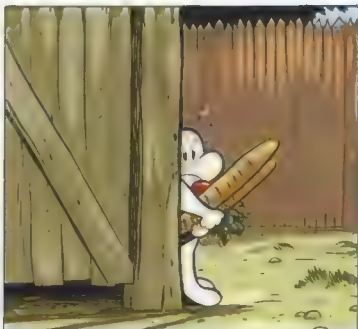
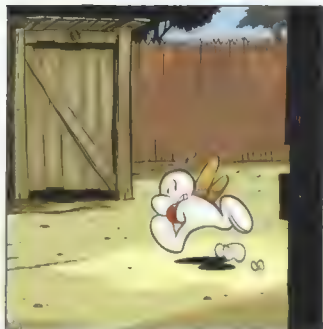
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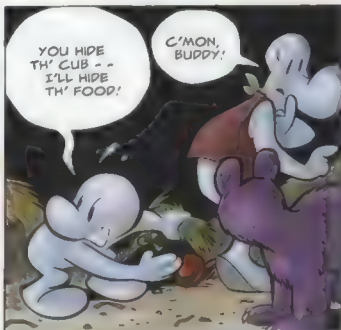
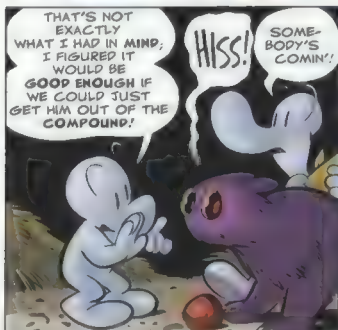
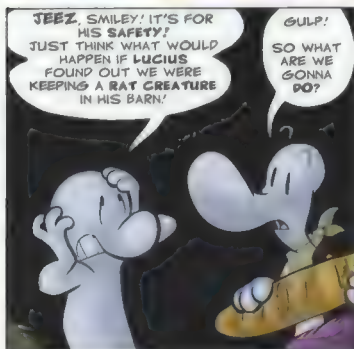
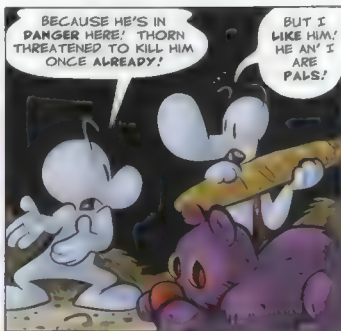
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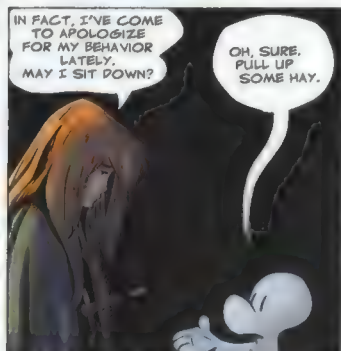
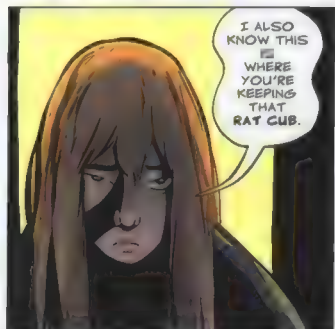
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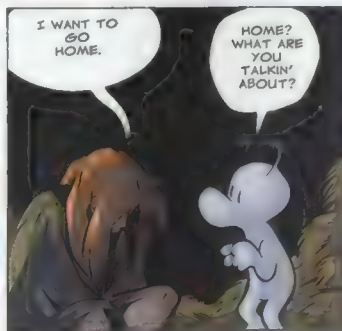
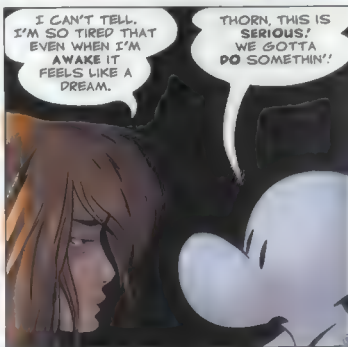
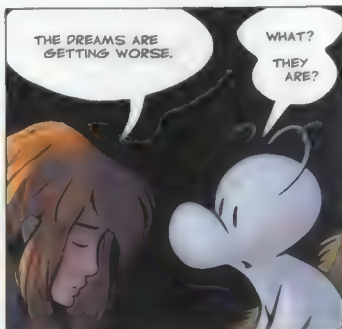
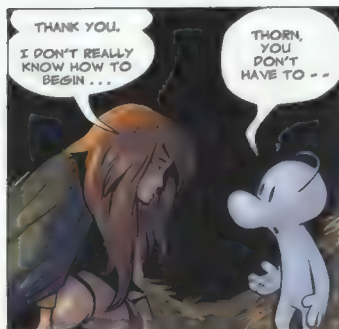
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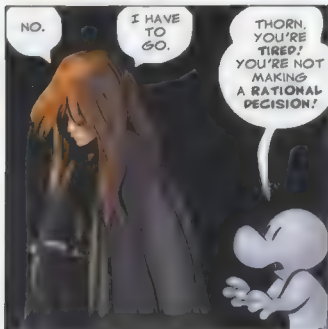
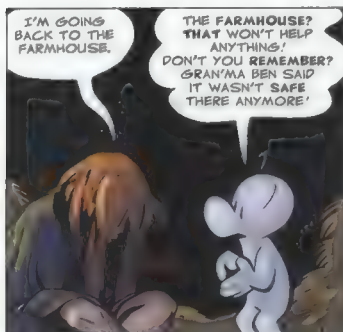
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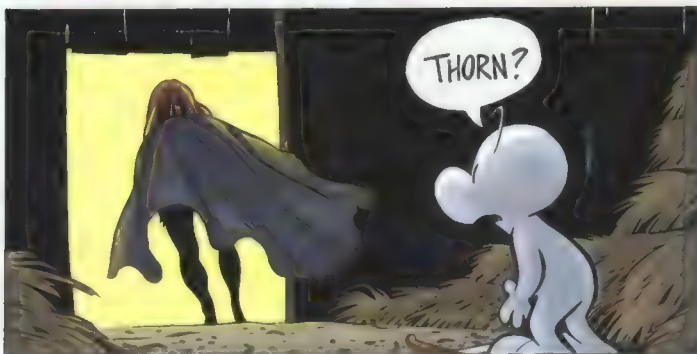
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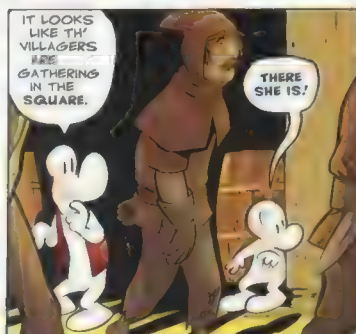
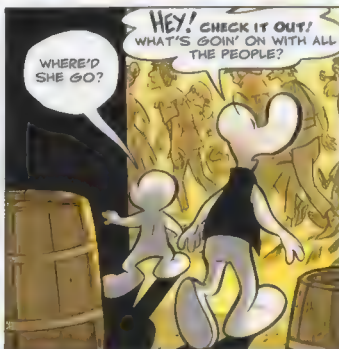
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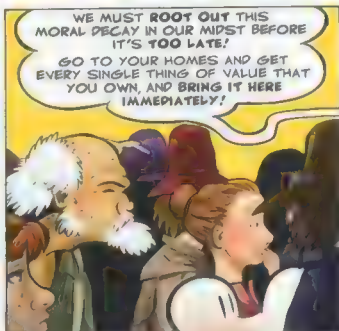
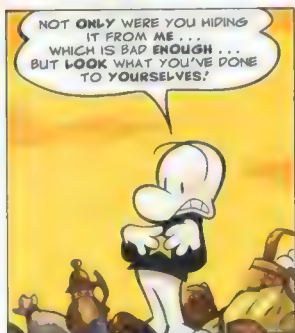
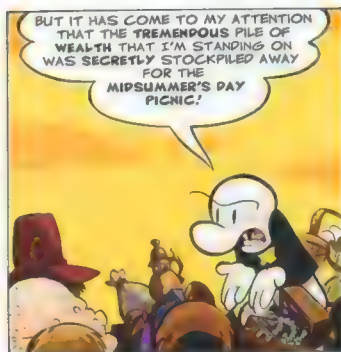


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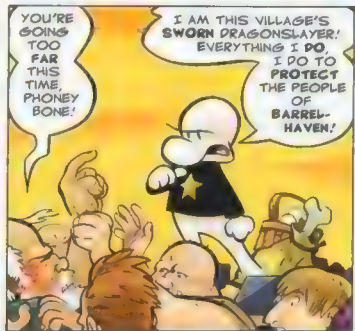


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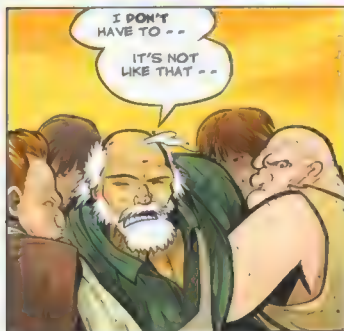
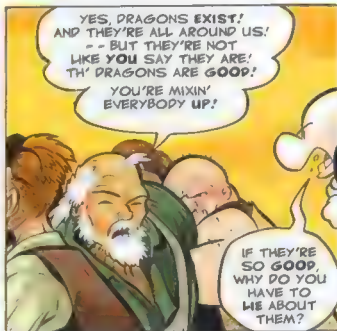
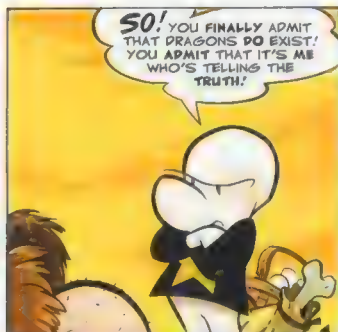
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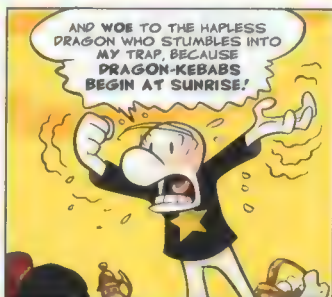
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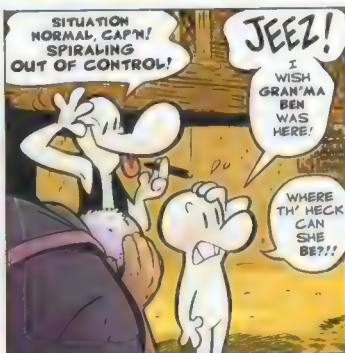
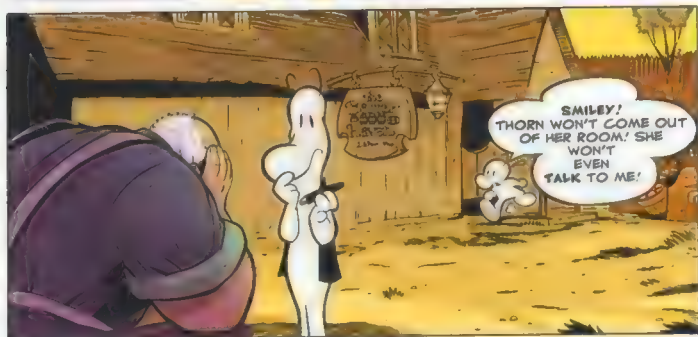
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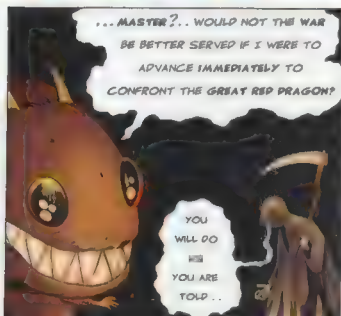
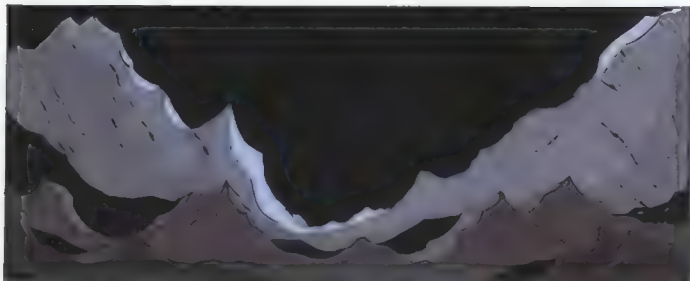
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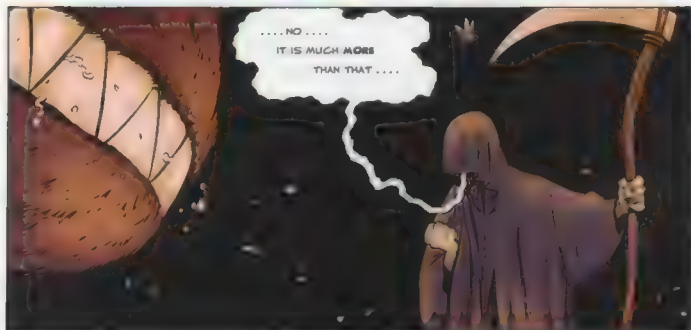
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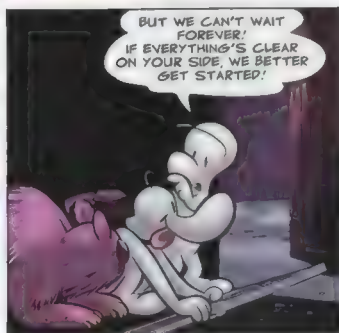
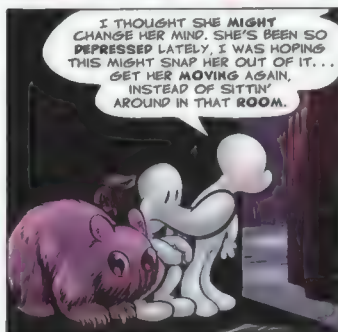
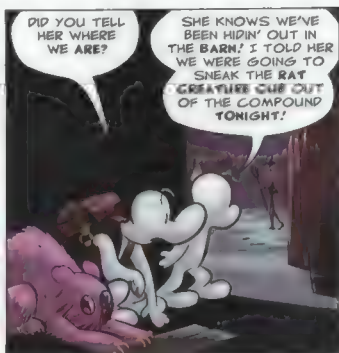
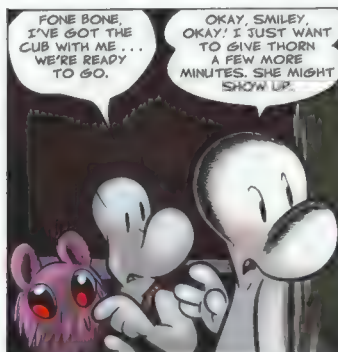
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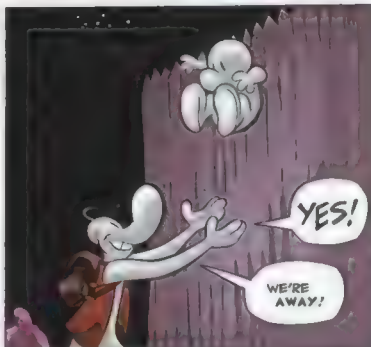
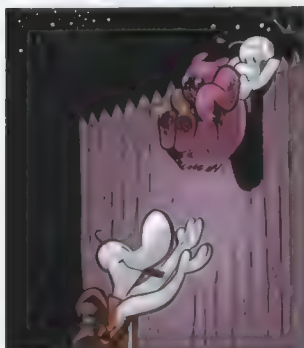
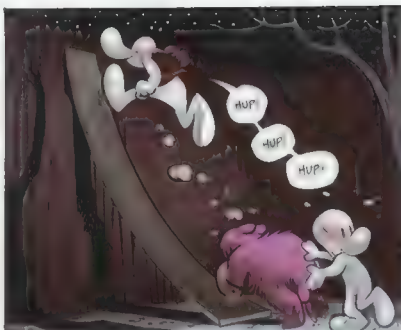




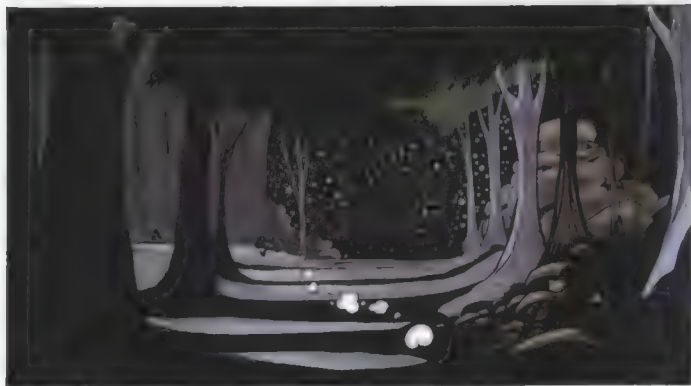
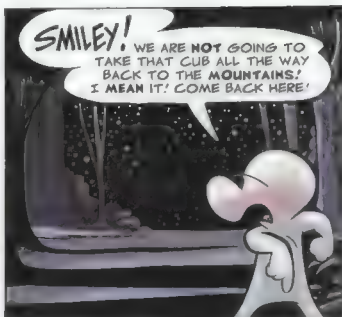
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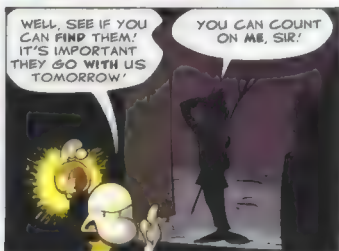
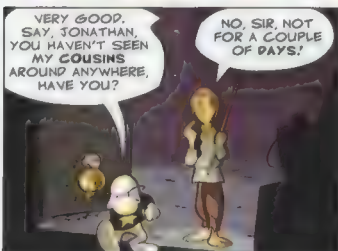
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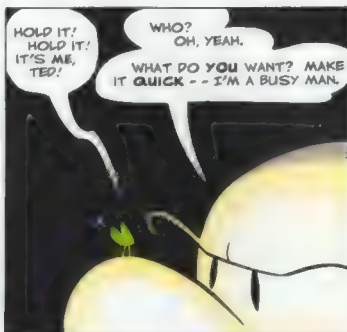
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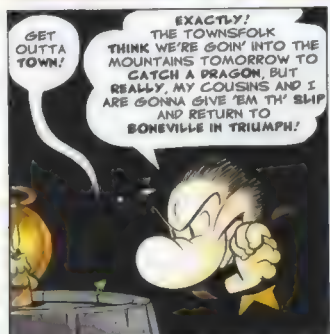
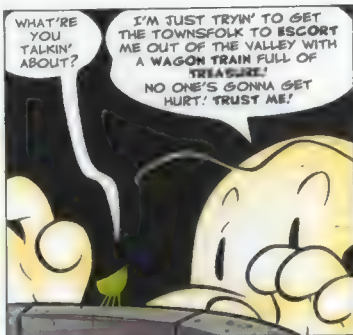
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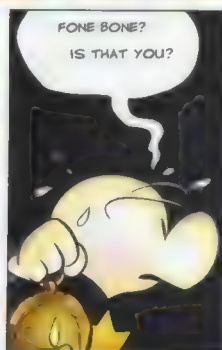
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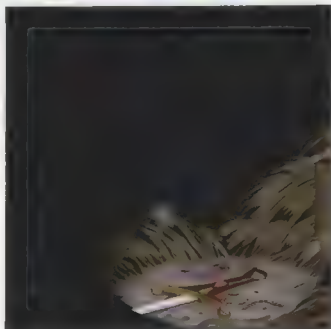
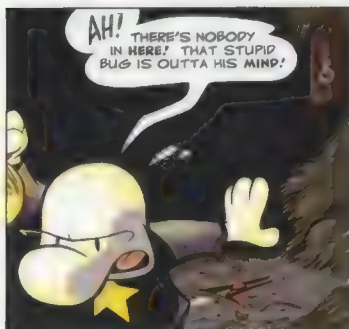
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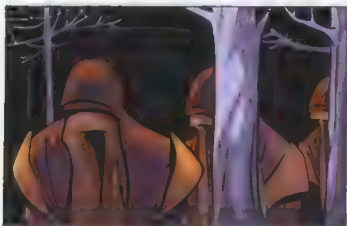
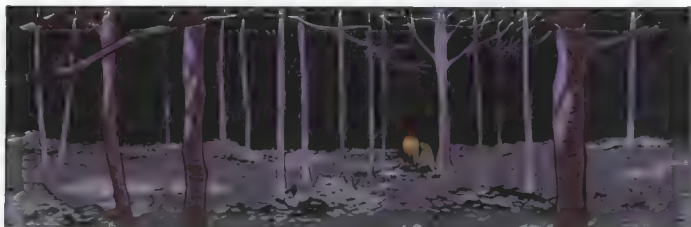
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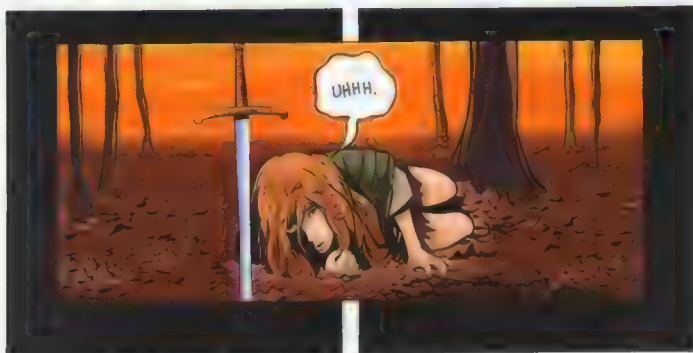
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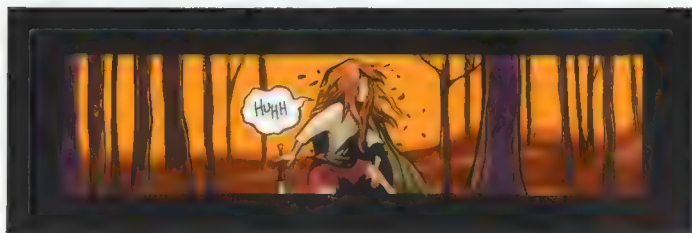


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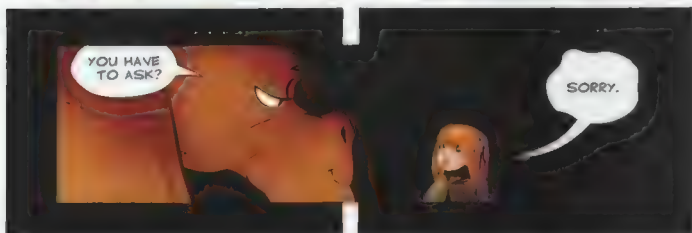
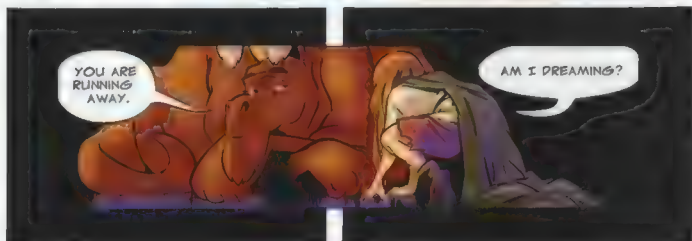
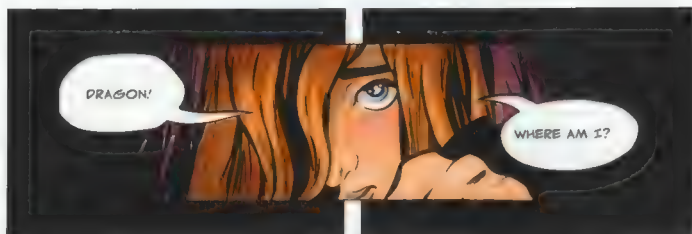




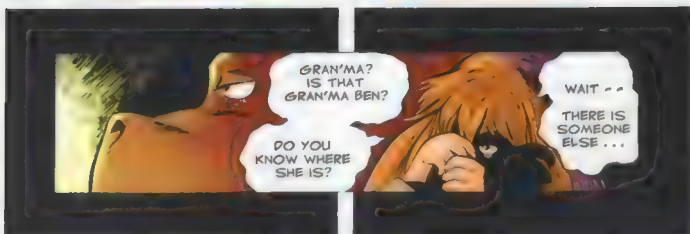
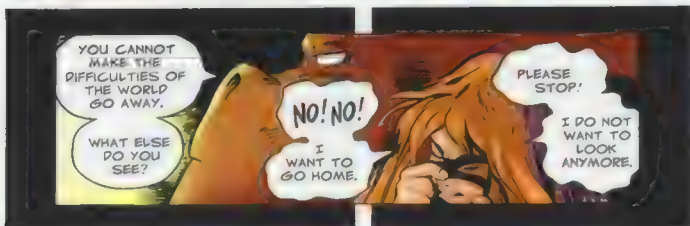
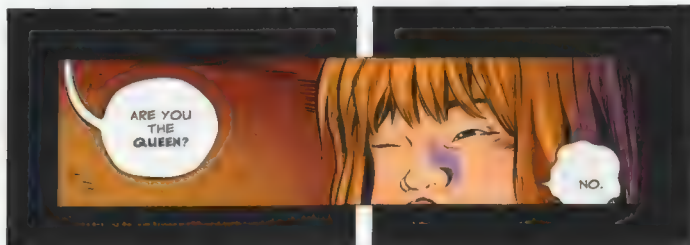
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VERY WELL.
IF IT IS YOUR DESIRE,
I WILL TAKE YOU HOME
TO THE FARMHOUSE.

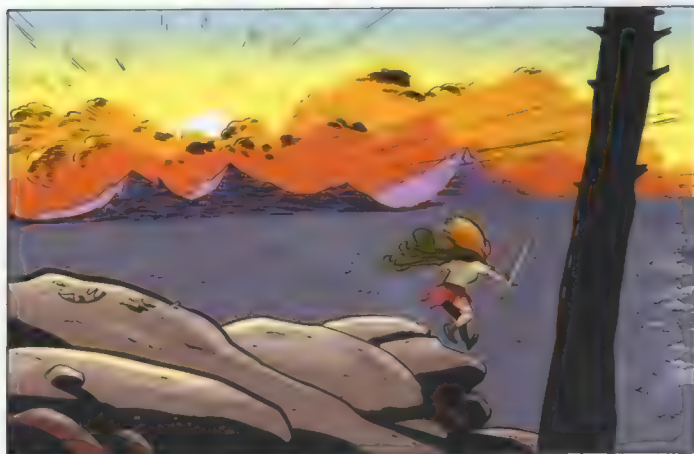
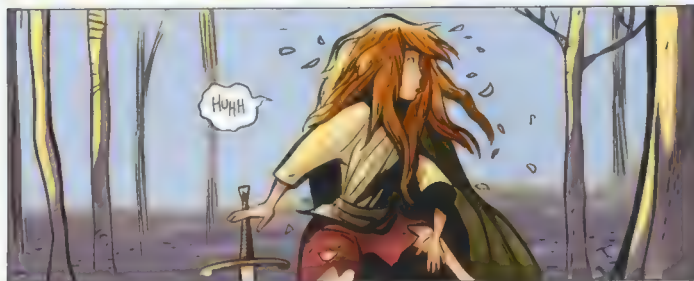
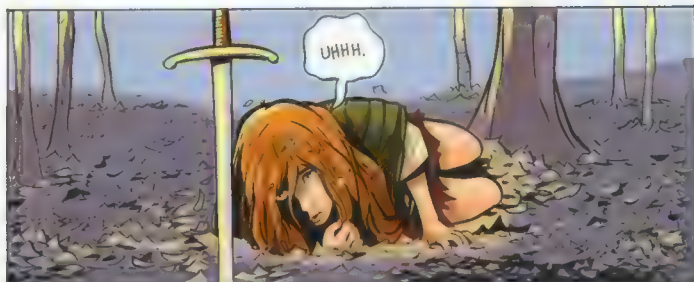
NO.
I WILL GO
BACK TO MY
FRIENDS.

I NO LONGER
WISH TO GIVE UP.

WELL,
WELL ...

IT
SEEMS TO ME
THAT YOU ARE
ALREADY
AWAKE?

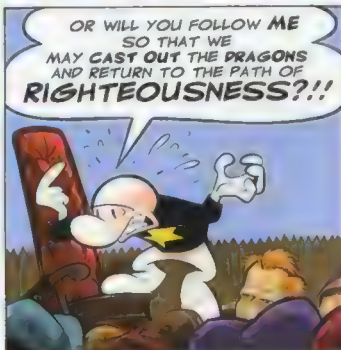
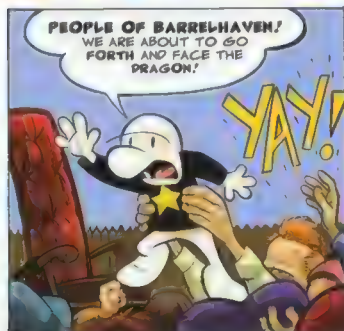
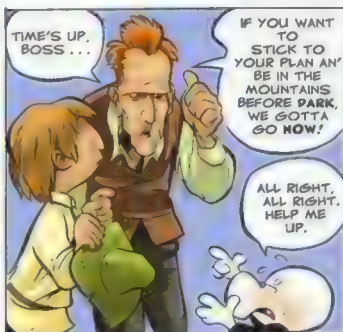
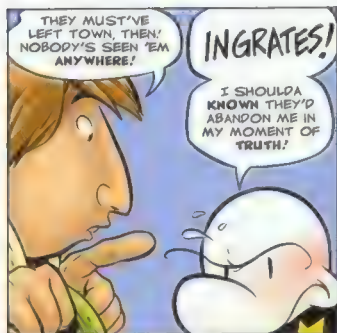
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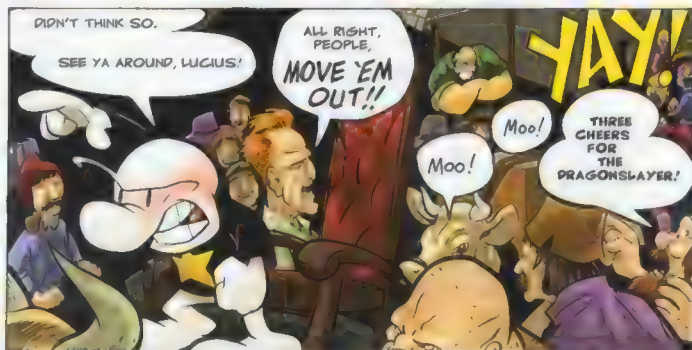
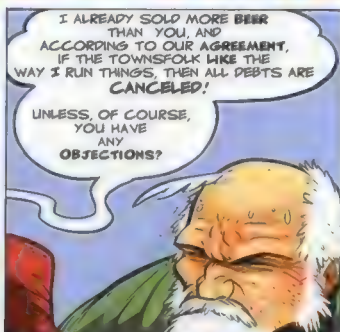
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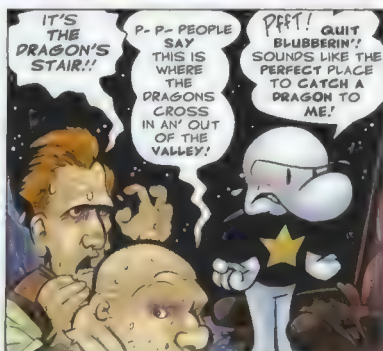
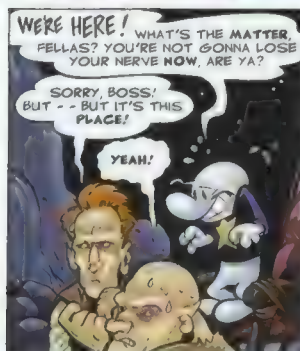
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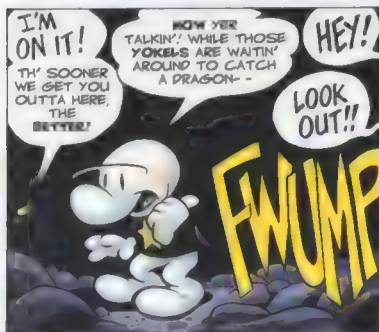
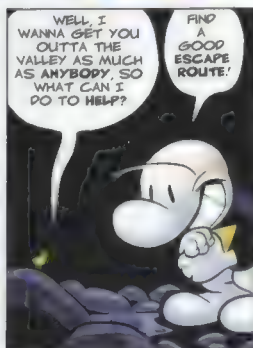
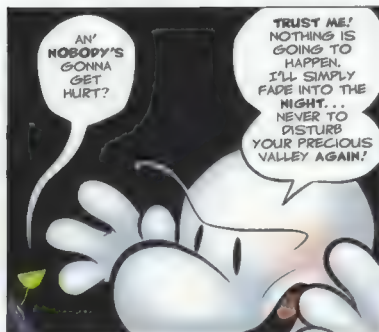
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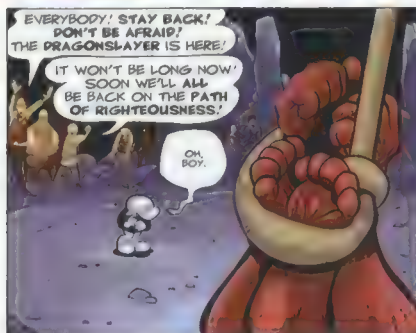
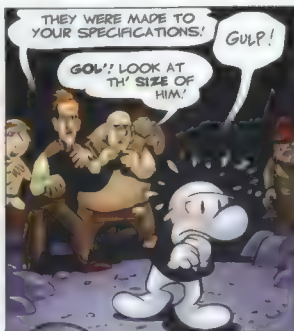
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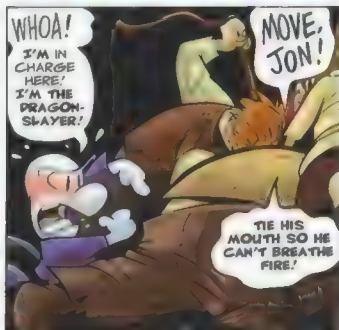
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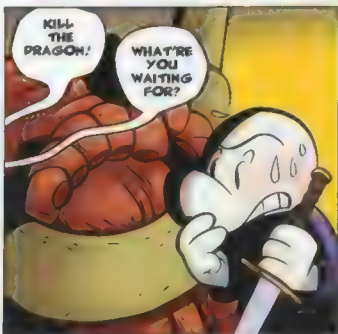
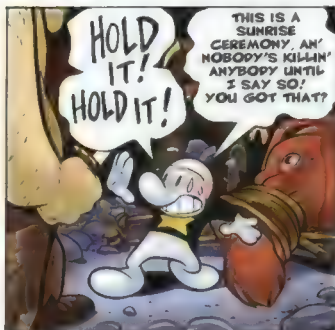
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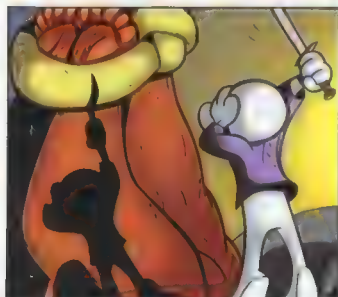
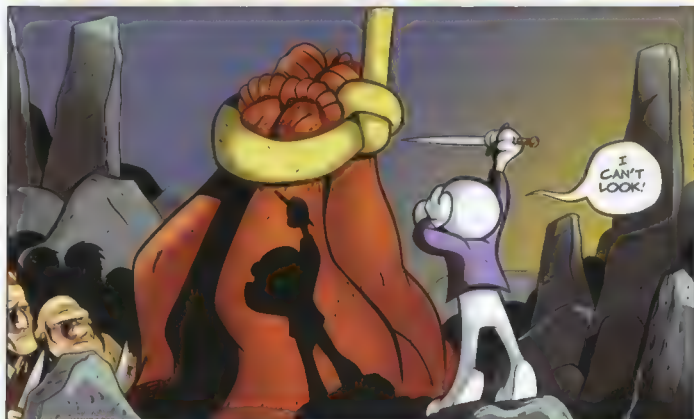
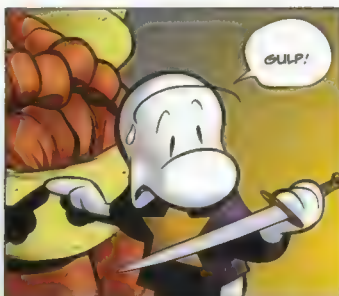
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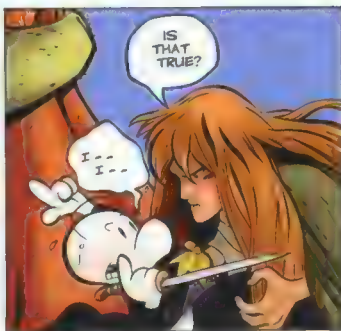
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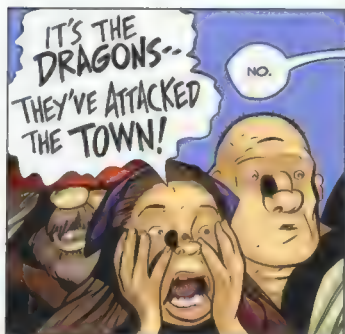
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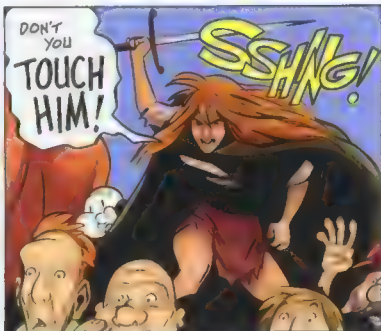
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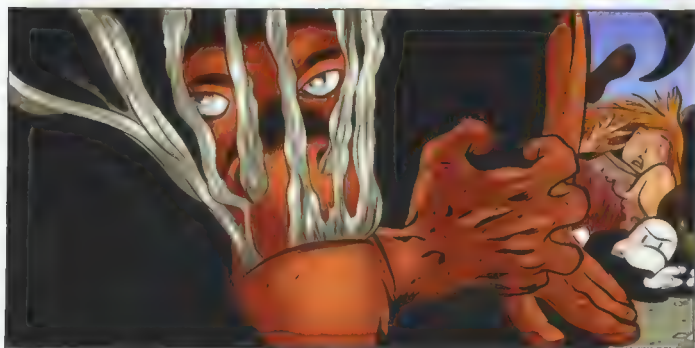
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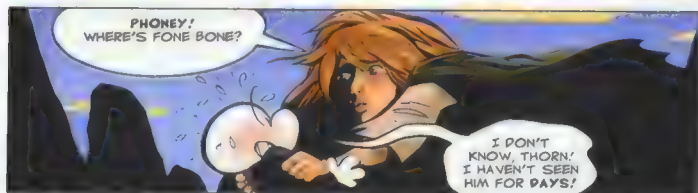


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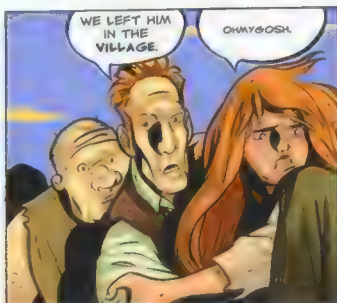
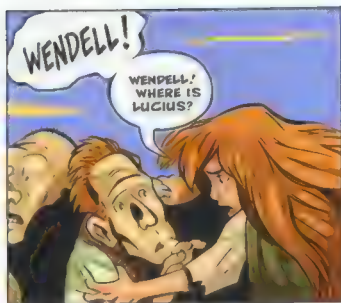




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ABOUT JEFF SMITH

JEFF SMITH was born and raised in the American Midwest and learned about cartooning from comic strips, comic books, and watching animated shorts on TV. After four years of drawing comic strips for The Ohio State University's student newspaper and co-founding Character Builders animation studio in 1986, Smith launched the comic book *BONE* in 1991. Between *BONE* and other comics projects, Smith spends much of his time on the international guest circuit promoting comics and the art of graphic novels.

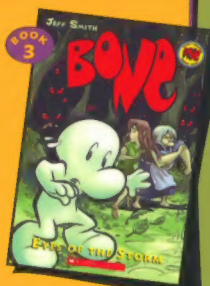
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